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EXPORT SUMMARY

U.S. exports of horticultural products to offshore destinations (destinations other than Canada*) in December totaled \$257 million, 15 percent above the same month a year earlier. The lowering of import barriers in several countries was a key factor in December's export advance. The 75 percent increase in U.S. horticultural exports to Australia, to \$6.3 million, was coincident with sweeping changes in Australia's import tariff structure. Shipments to Mexico, which liberalized its import tariff regime in early 1988, were up 23 percent, due, in part, to a \$600,000 increase in beer exports and despite a \$1.4 million drop in hop exports. Movement of in-shell almonds to India leaped to \$3.1 million from \$300,000 in response to the May 1988 liberalization of a 7-year restriction on nut imports. Apple and pear exports to Sweden increased 76 percent to \$3.8 million as the first step in the elimination of Sweden's restrictive opening date system was realized. Apple exports to Thailand and the Philippines also climbed dramatically to \$1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, following the lowering of import barriers in those countries. The October-December 1988 U.S. horticultural exports to countries other than Canada were up 9 percent to \$879 million.

(*Canada is excluded because U.S. export data to Canadian destinations are not accurate. Many export shipments to Canada are not counted.)

For further information on items in this circular, contact the Horticultural and Tropical Products Division, (202) 447-6590. All measures not otherwise noted are metric. One kilogram (kg) = 2.2046 lbs., 1 metric ton = 2,204.62 lbs., 1 liter = 0.2642 gallon, 1 hectoliter = 26.42 gallons, 1 hectare (ha) = 2.471 acres.

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UPDATE

General Developments

--The European Council has announced a change in the "green rate" for the Greek drachma effective January 31, 1989, from 148.799 to 156.020 for all fresh and processed fruits and vegetables. The green rate is the official exchange rate used to convert European Currency Units into each member state's currency for agricultural price support and subsidy programs. In the case of processed fruit and vegetables, such as canned fruit, tomato products, and raisins, the green rate adjustment increases, in drachma terms, the minimum price to growers and therefore lowers the net subsidy to processors.

Citrus and Products

--U.S. fresh grapefruit sales to France continue to expand. French imports of U.S. grapefruit during the 1987/88 marketing year totaled 79,000 metric tons, up 24 percent over a year earlier. In recent years, U.S. grapefruit has taken an increasing share of the French market. U.S. grapefruit accounted for 57 percent of French imports in 1987/88, compared to 44 percent in 1986/87 and 40 percent in 1985/86. The success of U.S. grapefruit in France largely reflects a consumer preference for colored grapefruit. Promotional efforts carried out by the Florida Department of Citrus which are supported by USDA funds under the Targeted Export Assistance (TEA) Program are credited with having a strong positive impact on French demand for U.S. grapefruit. The import duty charged against U.S. grapefruit entering France during November-April was reduced from 3 percent to 1.5 percent, effective January 1989. The duty reduction was part of the EC's concession package granted in the September 1986 U.S.-EC Citrus Agreement.

FRANCE: IMPORTS OF GRAPEFRUIT (metric tons)

Country of Origin	1986/87	1987/88
United States	63,861	89,093
Israel	25,576	22,476
Argentina	16,349	13,846
Southern Africa ^{1/}	14,713	15,519
Cyprus	7,231	6,749
Spain	4,678	4,934
Honduras	4,744	4,250
Other	8,646	8,975
Total	145,798	155,842

^{1/} Includes South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.

SOURCE: French Customs Data.

Fresh Non-Citrus

--Canada finalized antidumping measures against fresh, whole, Red and Golden Delicious apples originating in or exported from the United States, February 3, 1989. These actions establish a "normal value" of U.S.\$11.87 per 42-pound carton for regular storage apples and \$12.23 per 42-pound carton for controlled atmosphere apples. Imports of U.S. apples into Canada must be at or above these "normal values" or face an antidumping duty equal to the difference between the import price and the "normal value." These provisions remain in place until such time that a U.S. exporter is able to prove that it is no longer necessary.

The anti-dumping petition was filed by Canadian apple growers on July 8, 1988. A preliminary determination of dumping was made on October 6, 1988 (see October Horticultural Products Review). A final determination of dumping was issued on December 22, 1988, by Revenue Canada. On February 3, 1989, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal published its finding that the dumping of U.S. Red and Golden Delicious apples, excluding apples imported in nonstandard containers for processing, has caused, is causing, and is likely to cause material injury to the production of like goods in Canada.

In determining that dumping had occurred, Revenue Canada found that U.S. apples were not being sold in Canada below the price for like product sold in the United States, but that the apples were being sold below the cost of production and packing, both in the United States and in Canada. Revenue Canada determined the "normal value" of a 42-pound box based on the costs of \$5.50 for growing/harvesting, and \$5.49 for packing/marketing/storage for regular storage apples and \$5.82 for controlled atmosphere apples plus an 8 percent profit, or \$0.88 for regular storage and \$0.91 for controlled atmosphere apples. It was then found that 98.56 percent of the U.S. Delicious apples imported during the 1987/88 season were imported below these "normal values."

--The French government provided \$9.5 million in direct subsidies for the renovation of fruit orchards during 1986/87. This figure is equal to the amount paid the previous season and is up 17 percent over the subsidies provided in 1984/85. These payments are for fruit orchards only and do not include the subsidies provided to renovate tree nut orchards. The aid provided for the planting of fruit orchards via loans with preferential interest rates is also not included in these figures. The area subject to renovation grew to 4,923 hectares in 1986/87, over the 4,866 hectares covered in 1985/86 and the 4,600 hectares in 1984/85. As in previous seasons the bulk of the money was spent on apples (47 percent) and peaches (27 percent). Despite this continuous flow of government aid the Ministry of Agriculture reports that the area of fruit orchards in France is still declining (see February 1989 Horticultural Products Review).

--French imports of avocados during 1987/88 (October/September) fell 40 percent to 50,500 tons from a record high of 83,800 tons the previous season. This decline was caused by a dramatic reduction in the Israeli avocado crop which suffered from severe drought conditions during the early flowering stages in 1987. In 1987/88, French purchases of Israeli avocados declined 78 percent compared to 1986/87. The deficit in the Israeli avocado crop benefited Spain and, to a lesser extent, Mexico and Kenya. French imports of U.S. avocados are expected to increase significantly in 1988/89 because of yet another reduction in Israeli avocado production.

FRANCE: IMPORTS OF AVOCADOS
(metric tons)

Country of Origin	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88
United States	1,392	5,118	5,093
Israel	33,783	54,880	11,997
South Africa	11,674	14,233	13,239
Spain	9,123	5,668	14,095
Martinique	2,969	1,864	1,095
Mexico	529	1,273	2,789
Kenya	732	507	1,353
Total	61,751	83,767	50,538

SOURCE: French Customs Data.

--Brazilian apple production reached an alltime high of 300,000 metric tons in 1988, according to the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Brasilia. Production for 1989 is forecast to be 10 to 15 percent higher. Insufficient cold storage continues to be one of the major impediments to the growth of the apple industry in Brazil. As Brazilian apple production increases, imports have declined, dropping to 123,811 tons in 1988. Imports, the majority of which come from Argentina, are expected to decline further in 1989. The export of 2,500 tons of Brazilian apples to the Netherlands is planned for 1989. This represents the first major shipment of Brazilian apples to Europe. Foreign exchange earnings from the sale will be used to buy cold storage equipment.

Other Processed Fruit

--Canada finalized antidumping measures against frozen sour (tart) cherries originating in or exported from the United States, on February 3, 1989. These actions establish a "normal value" of 47.5 U.S. cents per pound. Imports of U.S. cherries into Canada must be at or above these "normal values" or face an antidumping duty equal to the difference between the import price and the "normal value." This duty provision or minimum import price will be in place until a review, initiated by an exporter, determines that the minimum import price is no longer necessary.

These actions are the result of a petition filed by Canadian cherry producers on June 21, 1988. A preliminary determination of dumping was made on September 30, 1988 (see October Horticultural Products Review). A final determination of dumping was issued on December 16, 1988, by Revenue Canada. On January 30, 1989, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal published its finding that the dumping of U.S. frozen sour (tart) cherries has caused, is causing, and is likely to cause material injury to the production of like goods in Canada.

In determining that dumping had occurred, Revenue Canada, found that U.S. cherries were not being sold in Canada below the price for like product sold in the United States, but that the cherries were being sold below the cost of production and packing, both in the United States and in Canada. Revenue Canada determined the "normal value" of a pound of frozen sweet (tart) cherries in U.S. dollars, based on the costs of 25 cents for growing/harvesting, 20.5 cents for processing, and an 8-percent profit margin on costs of production, or 2 cents per pound. It was then found that 74.68 percent of the U.S. frozen sweet (tart) cherries imported during the 1987/88 season were imported below these "normal values."

Vegetables

--The Government of Mexico estimates that heavy frosts in the northwestern states of Sonora and Sinaloa have caused \$35.4 million damage to vegetable and melon crops. These two states export most of their winter vegetables and melons to the United States. Both production and quality have been affected. According to trade sources, the frosts, which occurred in late December and late January, were the worst in the past 20 years. Unseasonable precipitation in early February caused further problems. Sonora received the brunt of the frost damage. Crops affected include tomato, tomatillo, watermelon, other melons, green beans, bell and hot peppers, peas, squash, eggplant, and cucumbers. Trade sources in the United States and Mexico estimate that February shipments of the affected products into the United States are down 15-30 percent from the same time period in 1988.

Nursery Products

--U.S. imports of fresh cut flowers in 1988 totaled 2.9 billion stems, up 3 percent from the year earlier. During 1988, import value for cut flowers totaled \$284 million, up 16 percent from 1987. Roses, carnations, and chrysanthemums are among the major flower varieties to register continuous import growth over the past several years. Combined, these three varieties accounted for 69 percent of the total import volume in 1988. Colombia, which supplied 74 percent of the U.S. rose imports and 95 percent of all carnation imports in 1988, is by far the leading supplier of cut flowers to the United States. Other significant suppliers of cut flowers to the United States are the Netherlands, Israel, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. For further details, see the trade table in the statistical section of this report.

Wine, Beer, and Hops

--A revision in EC production subsidies for hops harvested in 1987 was announced in November 1988. The amount of aid granted to producers included 330 ECU's (\$365) per hectare for aromatic varieties, 380 ECU's (\$420) per hectare for bitter varieties, and 370 ECU's (\$409) per hectare for other varieties.

--Spain's 1988 wine vintage fell to 26 million hectoliters (hl), 40 percent below the preceding year. The reduction is attributed to a shortfall in fruit availability caused by unusually wet weather which led to widespread attacks of mildew. Since grape quality reportedly was affected in many areas, controls on wine making have been intensified this year. Wine consumption in Spain has been declining for more than a decade, although it may have registered a slight increase in 1987 when annual per capita consumption was estimated at 47 liters compared to 78 liters in 1985.

In 1987, the Spanish wine industry received a total subsidy of 11.9 million pesetas (\$100,000) for intervention distillations. The EC fixed a volume of 10.61 million hectoliters for total compulsory distillation, including preventive distillation for the 1987/88 marketing year. Because of the severe drop in production this year, the industry has requested an exemption from compulsory distillation in Spain.

The volume of Spanish exports of wine, including sparkling, still, and fortified wines, vermouths, sangria, musks, and stums amounted to 5 million hl in 1987, down 10.7 percent from 1986 and 25.4 percent below the 6.7 million hl record attained in 1985. Since Spain's accession to the EC, the competitiveness of Spanish wines has been reduced by the removal of tax rebates along with imposition of regulatory limitations on exports. However, due to better quality wines in the composition of Spanish wine shipments, the value of Spanish exports has continued to increase, reaching a record 63 billion pesetas (\$510 million) in 1987, up 5 percent from 1986. Although still at relatively low levels, wine imports into Spain reached 7.3 million liters in 1987, an increase of nearly 80 percent over the preceding year.

CHILEAN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE EXPORTS: GRAPES STILL NO. 1

Chile is fast becoming the world's major supplier of fresh fruit and vegetables during the Northern Hemisphere winter months. Not only is the quantity of horticultural products being produced and exported expanding dramatically but so is the variety. While the United States remains the No. 1 market, Chile also is diversifying the markets supplied.

U.S. Imports

The value of U.S. imports of horticultural products from Chile has risen from \$39.2 million in 1979 to \$323.9 million in 1988. Fresh fruits and vegetables dominate U.S. horticultural imports from Chile and have actually increased their share of total imports despite the growth of the processing industry in Chile. Two factors help to explain the rapid growth of fresh product trade relative to processed. First, the improvements in packing and shipping of fresh fruit and vegetables, especially stone fruit, have allowed a higher percentage of these highly perishable products to reach the lucrative U.S. fresh market. Secondly, whereas the United States is the major market for Chile's fresh exports it is not for most processed products.

U.S. HORTICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM CHILE

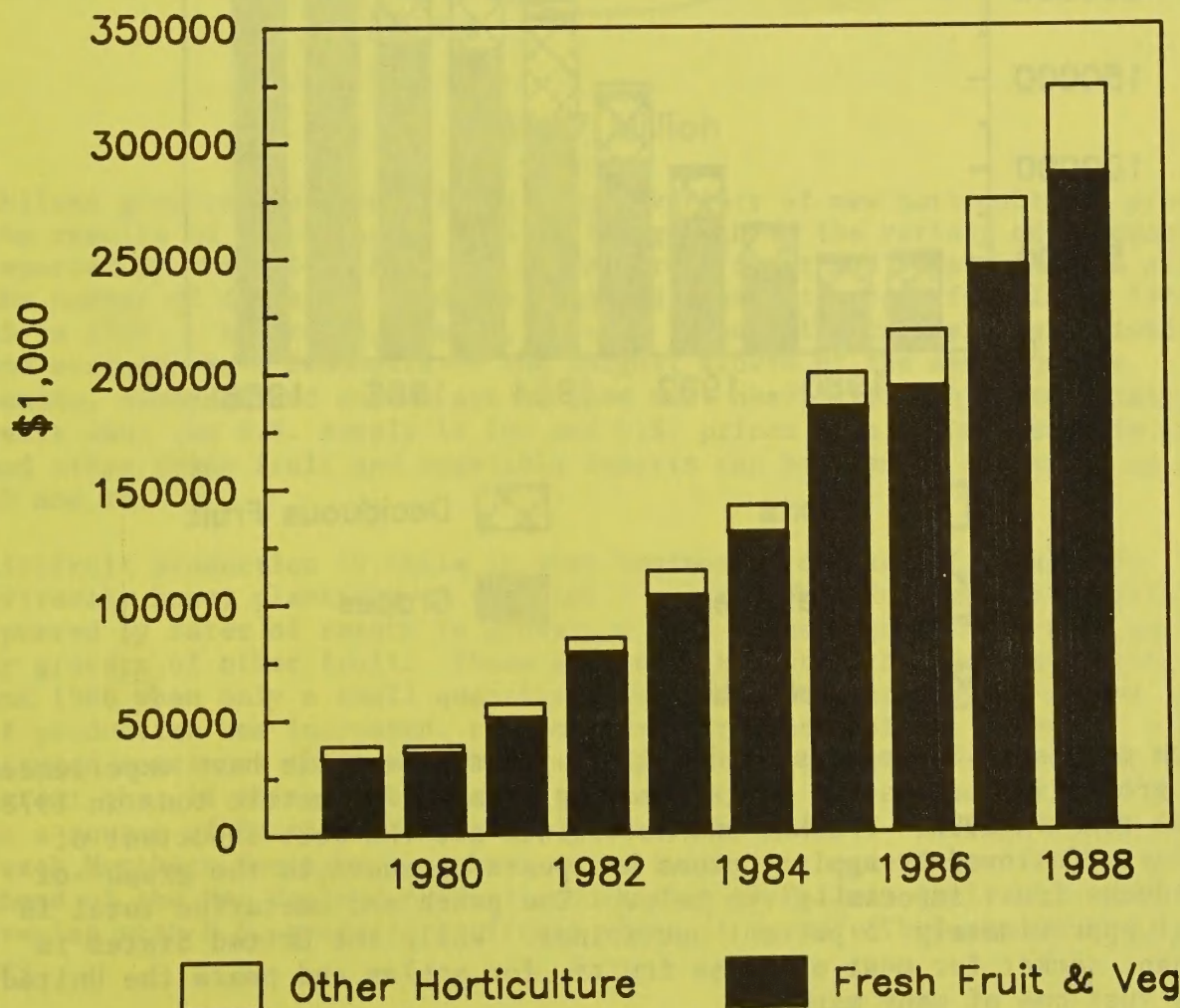
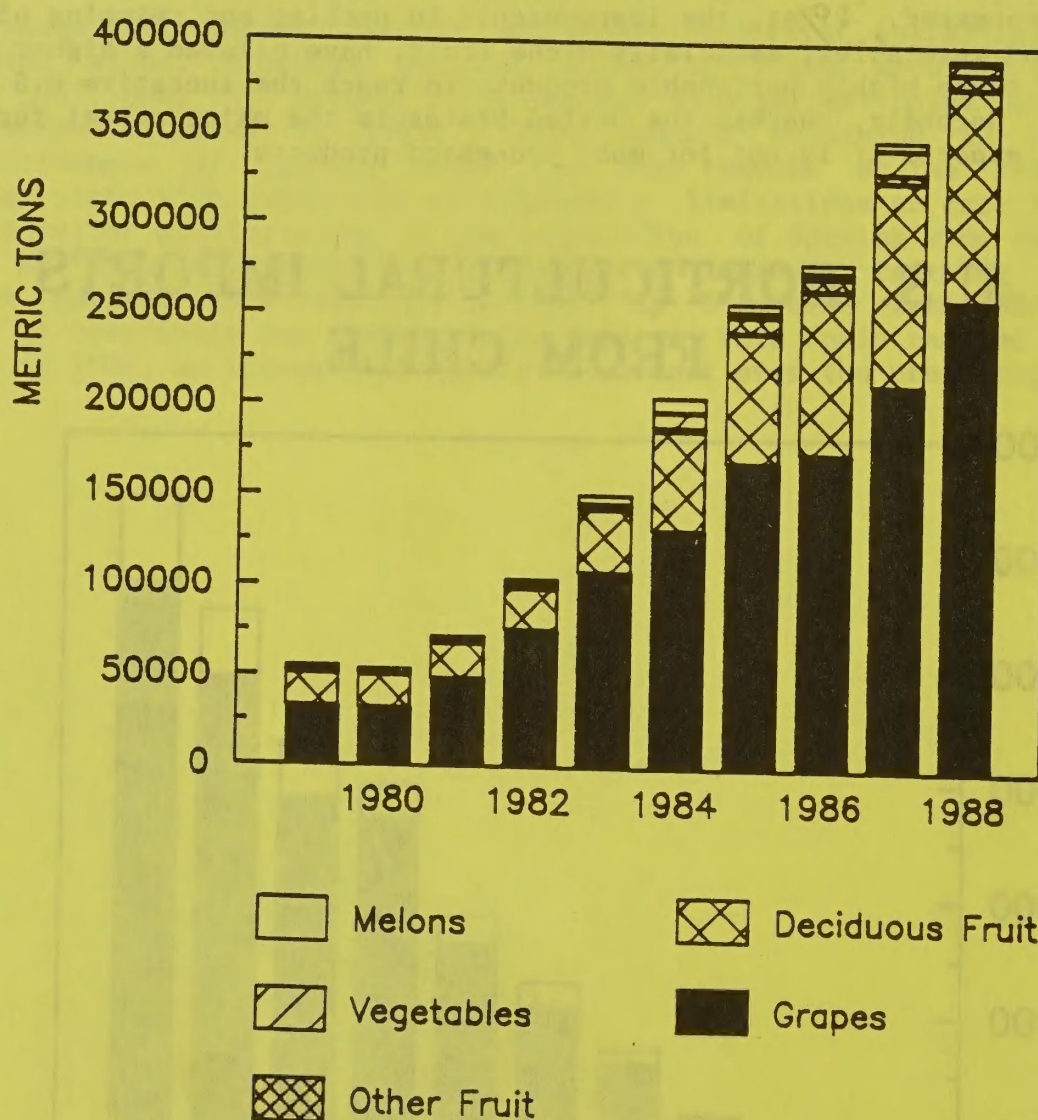


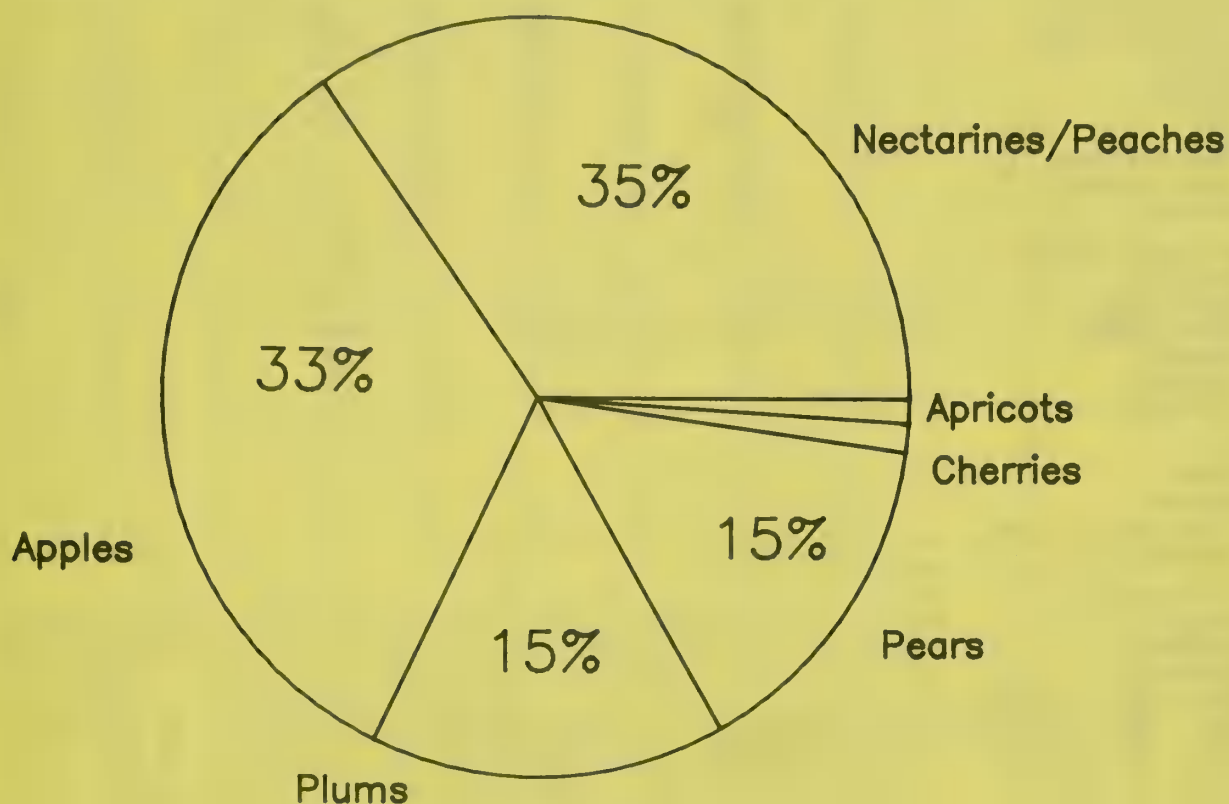
Table grapes account for approximately 60 percent of U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable imports from Chile. The percentage of grapes in total fresh fruit and vegetable imports has remained constant during the past 10 years even though the quantities of the other fruits and vegetables has grown tremendously. This constant position of importance for grapes in U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable imports is surprising given the reduced role of table grapes in Chile's total horticultural production and exports. The declining role of grapes is not reflected in U.S. imports because the United States, which accounts for over 75 percent of Chile's table grape exports, takes a much smaller percentage of Chile's exports of apples, pears, and other rapidly growing export products.

U.S. IMPORTS FROM CHILE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES



Apart from grapes, U.S. imports of deciduous fruit from Chile have experienced the most growth in the past 10 years, growing from 10,797 metric tons in 1978 to 117,243 tons in 1988. Peaches and nectarines are the most important of these imports followed by apples, plums and pears as shown in the graph--of 1988 deciduous fruit imports--given below. The peach and nectarine total is made up of approximately 75 percent nectarines. While the United States is the dominant market for most of these fruits, for apples and pears the United States is just one of many markets.

U.S. DECIDUOUS FRUIT IMPORTS FROM CHILE, 1988



\$117 Million

Chilean growers are diversifying into a variety of new horticultural products, the results of which can be seen in the growth in the variety of products imported by the United States. In the fresh fruit and vegetable area alone, the number of different products imported from Chile rose from 12 in 1978 to 35 in 1987. Asparagus, lemons, berries (especially raspberries), kiwifruit, and avocados have demonstrated the largest growth of the new products. Lemons, avocados and onions are shipped most heavily to the United States in years when the U.S. supply is low and U.S. prices high. The growth in these and other fresh fruit and vegetable imports can be seen in the table on pages 10 and 11.

Kiwifruit production in Chile is just beginning to take off, fueled by extremely heavy plantings in the last 3 years. This movement into kiwis was spurred by rates of return to growers 4 to 5 times higher than those received by growers of other fruit. These extremely high returns occurred during 1985 and 1986 when only a small quantity of kiwifruit was produced. As the level of production has increased, returns have declined, but the number of vines planted continues to grow. The planting of kiwi vines has occurred to such an extent that if things continue as they are, Chile will soon rival New Zealand as a source of Southern Hemisphere produced-kiwifruit. Chilean kiwifruit can reach Northern Hemisphere markets as early as the beginning of April, a month ahead of the New Zealand product. Marketing of Chilean fruit also will overlap with U.S.-produced kiwifruit which is marketed between November and May.

U.S. FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORTS FROM CHILE
(CALENDAR YEAR, QUANTITY AND VALUE)

PRODUCTS	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
-----METRIC TONS-----										
FRESH VEGETABLES										
ASPARAGUS, AIR	0	0	0	0	0	15	552	801	1,015	1,167
ASPARAGUS, OTHER	1	0	2	60	627	649	303	466	375	410
ENDIVE	0	0	4	16	20	28	18	10	4	14
PEPPERS	0	0	3	0	1	0	10	2	345	19
BEANS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187	130
PEAS	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	24	0
VEGETABLES MISC. 1/	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	341	865	21
OTHER VEGETABLES	0	10	0	1	62	137	161	6	17	82
SUBTOTAL.....	1	10	9	70	712	831	1,056	1,626	2,832	1,843
ROOT CROPS & TUBERS										
GARLIC	179	344	197	182	105	70	76	866	998	609
ONION SETS	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONIONS, OTHER	2,369	769	1,924	3,247	0	7,859	1,259	399	9,344	3,582
CARROTS	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
DASHEENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL.....	2,588	1,113	2,121	3,429	105	7,949	1,335	1,265	10,513	4,191
CITRUS										
LEMONS	0	0	0	0	1,209	890	6,288	3,079	1,904	962
ORANGES	0	0	0	2	24	0	0	0	0	0
CITRUS FRUIT, OTHER	5	0	0	0	9	10	0	513	18	16
SUBTOTAL.....	5	0	0	2	1,242	900	6,296	3,592	1,931	978
DECIDUOUS FRUIT										
APPLES	11,947	10,167	12,706	10,256	14,782	26,538	22,225	31,041	43,020	38,762
APRICOTS	0	0	12	0	23	89	511	1,264	998	1,190
CHERRIES	0	22	36	103	409	523	678	690	751	1,451
NECT & PEACH 6/1-11/30	0	0	0	1	27	29	181	240	262	141
NECT & PEACH OTH TIMES	2,992	3,906	3,047	5,509	11,882	15,820	27,427	31,471	34,789	40,614
PEARS, ENT 4/1-6/30	1,006	1,123	874	359	981	786	1,217	2,484	4,028	3,806
PEARS, OTH TIMES	1,343	1,785	1,583	5,454	3,236	5,878	5,983	7,593	10,769	13,278
PLUMS ENT 1/1-5/31	357	1,581	1,484	1,536	3,626	5,774	13,059	14,181	16,939	15,735
PLUMS, OTH TIMES	909	2	18	31	165	159	619	1,318	1,102	2,266
SUBTOTAL.....	18,554	18,586	19,760	23,249	35,131	55,596	71,900	90,282	112,658	117,243
BERRIES										
BLUEBERRIES	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	6	1
LINGON OR PARTRIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
RASPBERRIES, 7/1-8/31	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	12
RASPBERRIES, OTH TIMES	0	0	3	12	134	85	152	323	382	774
STRAWBERRIES, 6/15-9/15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	0
STRAWBERRIES, OTH TIMES	3	0	0	5	26	23	17	4	50	7
OTHER BERRIES	0	0	2	1	18	52	28	23	100	45
SUBTOTAL.....	3	0	5	18	181	165	200	352	574	839
GRAPES										
GRAPES, HOTHOUSE	9	47	6	0	86	62	125	667	97	0
GRAPES, 2/15-3/31	13,572	17,475	22,451	32,177	59,672	67,828	80,934	80,265	107,864	125,185
GRAPES, 4/1-6/30	17,382	15,851	22,927	40,391	40,866	47,132	62,149	48,963	44,368	51,306
GRAPES, OTH TIMES	1,718	1,878	3,435	3,372	7,513	16,686	26,266	44,773	60,510	83,787
SUBTOTAL.....	32,681	35,251	48,819	75,949	108,137	131,708	169,474	174,668	212,839	260,278
MELONS										
CANTALOUPE, 12/1-3/31	0	0	0	0	59	58	3	262	979	305
CANTALOUPE, OTH TIMES	0	53	0	0	0	1	4	17	354	0
WATERMELONS	1,484	0	0	0	0	13	24	0	0	0
MELONS, ENT 12/1-5/31	0	1,974	1,743	1,609	5,177	8,170	4,944	4,673	3,441	2,007
SUBTOTAL.....	1,484	2,027	1,743	1,609	5,236	8,242	4,975	4,952	4,774	2,312
TROPICAL FRUIT										
AVOCADOS	0	0	0	0	0	1	594	2,735	496	4,323
BANANAS	0	0	0	193	87	0	1,537	0	45	0
PINEAPPLES	0	0	0	0	490	0	0	0	0	0
PLANTAINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	146
MANGOES, ENT 11/1-4/30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIWIFRUIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	42	357	106
FRUITS, OTHER	61	51	107	10	137	305	540	529	1,091	1,715
SUBTOTAL.....	61	51	107	203	714	306	2,701	3,306	1,989	6,290
GRAND TOTAL	55,377	57,043	72,564	104,539	151,458	205,697	257,937	280,043	348,110	393,974
TOTAL MINUS GRAPES	22,696	21,792	23,745	28,590	43,321	73,989	88,463	105,375	135,271	133,696

PRODUCTS	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
-----1,000 DOLLARS-----										
FRESH VEGETABLES										
ASPARAGUS, AIR	0	0	0	0	0	15	643	1,130	1,643	1,718
ASPARAGUS, OTHER	2	0	5	46	617	724	435	664	727	627
ENDIVE	0	0	8	29	20	32	18	13	7	30
PEPPERS	0	0	1	0	0	0	57	3	183	94
BEANS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	72
PEAS	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	5	0
VEGETABLES MISC. 1/	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	173	434	21
OTHER VEGETABLES	0	0	0	2	55	137	136	6	11	68
SUBTOTAL.....	2	0	13	78	697	911	1,297	1,989	3,126	2,630
ROOT CROPS ■ TUBERS										
GARLIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONION SETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONIONS, OTHER	199	359	247	374	133	42	68	1,027	950	510
CARROTS	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
DASHEENS	490	197	433	845	0	2,011	307	87	1,555	974
SUBTOTAL.....	706	556	681	1,219	133	2,053	376	1,114	2,519	1,484
CITRUS										
LEMONS	0	0	0	0	433	111	2,913	1,140	695	376
ORANGES	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	4	0
CITRUS FRUIT, OTHER	4	0	0	0	6	6	10	230	7	11
SUBTOTAL.....	4	0	0	1	459	394	2,923	1,369	705	387
DECIDUOUS FRUIT										
APPLES	4,101	3,008	5,050	4,009	5,389	11,082	7,490	10,914	17,028	15,240
APRICOTS	0	0	14	0	25	120	525	1,140	942	1,072
CHERRIES	0	22	82	301	631	861	962	1,097	1,346	1,871
NECT ■ PEACH 6/1-11/30	0	0	0	1	27	30	138	224	192	109
NECT ■ PEACH OTH TIMES	1,553	2,393	2,098	4,728	8,455	9,889	18,445	19,568	23,295	26,809
PEARS, ENT 4/1-6/30	367	415	310	142	501	304	540	1,015	1,564	1,636
PEARS, OTH TIMES	494	573	619	2,310	1,467	2,190	2,176	3,197	4,794	6,071
PLUMS ENT 1/1-5/31	228	1,149	153	1,590	3,373	4,420	10,083	8,442	10,506	9,396
PLUMS, OTH TIMES	582	2	18	51	176	152	458	841	673	1,558
SUBTOTAL.....	7,325	7,562	8,344	13,132	20,045	29,048	40,827	46,439	60,339	63,762
BERRIES										
BLUEBERRIES	0	0	0	0	3	10	3	5	1	5
LINGON OR PARTRIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0
RASPBERRIES, 7/1-8/31	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	51
RASPBERRIES, OTH TIMES	0	0	19	82	443	232	435	1,070	1,493	2,900
STRAWBERRIES, 6/15-9/1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	0
STRAWBERRIES, OTH TIME	5	0	0	12	55	43	29	6	124	13
OTHER BERRIES	0	0	5	3	27	110	40	00	418	143
SUBTOTAL.....	5	0	24	99	535	399	510	1,169	2,094	3,113
GRAPES										
GRAPES, HOTOHOUSE	0	32	4	11	96	43	124	647	77	0
GRAPES, 2/15-3/31	10,362	13,741	19,162	25,712	42,678	46,521	64,667	59,723	88,251	98,786
GRAPES, 4/1-6/30	12,946	11,510	18,533	33,116	26,553	35,514	46,909	33,856	31,953	38,171
GRAPES, OTH TIMES	1,187	1,371	3,081	4,363	9,222	12,245	23,642	42,028	53,270	70,617
SUBTOTAL.....	24,500	26,654	40,780	63,201	78,549	94,323	135,342	136,254	173,551	207,574
MELONS										
CANTALOUPE, 12/1-3/31	0	0	0	1	19	27	1	83	255	80
CANTALOUPE, OTH TIMES	0	11	0	0	0	1	1	10	101	0
WATERMELONS	433	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MELONS, ENT 12/1-5/31	0	603	567	688	2,181	2,736	1,457	1,460	876	518
SUBTOTAL.....	433	614	567	689	2,200	2,763	1,468	1,553	1,232	598
TROPICAL FRUIT										
AVOCADOS	0	0	2	0	0	1	531	2,419	368	4,305
BANANAS	0	0	0	32	13	0	535	0	18	0
PINEAPPLES	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0
PLANTAINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	32
MANGOES, ENT 11/1-4/30	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIWIFRUIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	49	527	169
FRUITS, OTHER	37	37	109	10	128	251	396	424	612	1,088
SUBTOTAL.....	37	37	111	41	226	252	1,506	2,892	1,525	5,594
GRAND TOTAL	33,011	35,431	50,520	78,460	102,843	130,143	184,251	192,779	245,093	285,141
TOTAL MINUS GRAPES	8,512	8,777	9,740	15,260	24,294	35,821	48,908	56,525	71,542	77,567

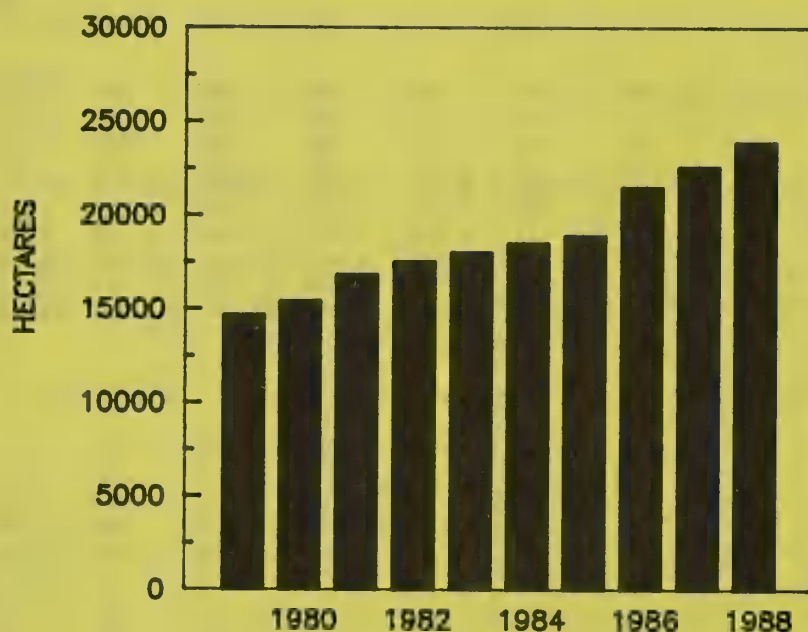
1/ Miscellaneous Vegetables includes cabbage, cauliflower, corn on the cob, cucumbers, eggplant, squash,

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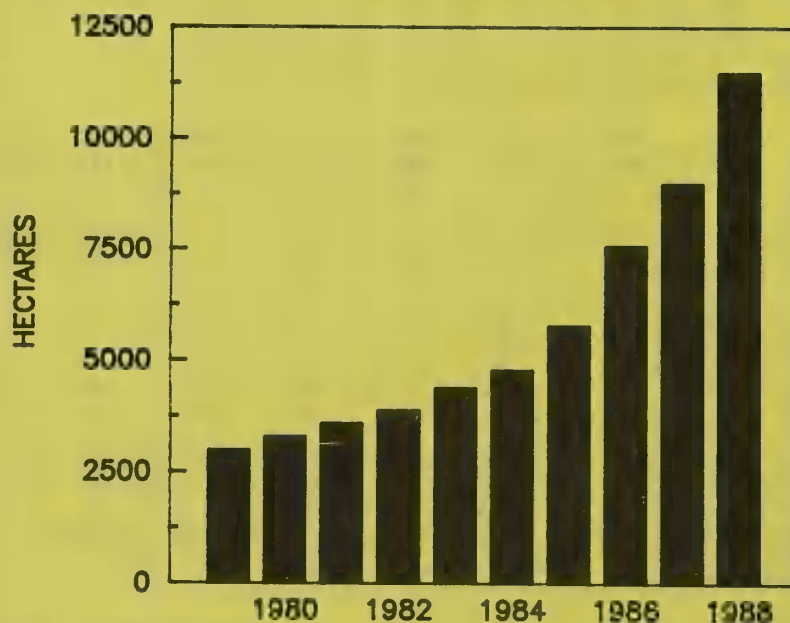
What has led to the tremendous growth in U.S. imports of fruit from Chile? By analyzing the production and utilization patterns for the major deciduous fruits and grapes over the past 10 years an idea of what has been occurring in the Chilean fruit industry emerges. The complete production and utilization tables are given on pages 17 and 18, in the statistical section of this issue.

U.S. imports of peaches and nectarines have continued to grow despite a leveling off of acreage and production. The percentage of production exported has increased dramatically while domestic consumption has remained stagnant. The processing of peaches and nectarines also has expanded as the culls from export grading cannot be sold on the saturated domestic market. Plum production on the other hand has been coming on strong as both acreage and production have tripled in the last 10 years. Again, the bulk of this increase is going to exports and processing (for dried prunes).

APPLE ACREAGE IN CHILE

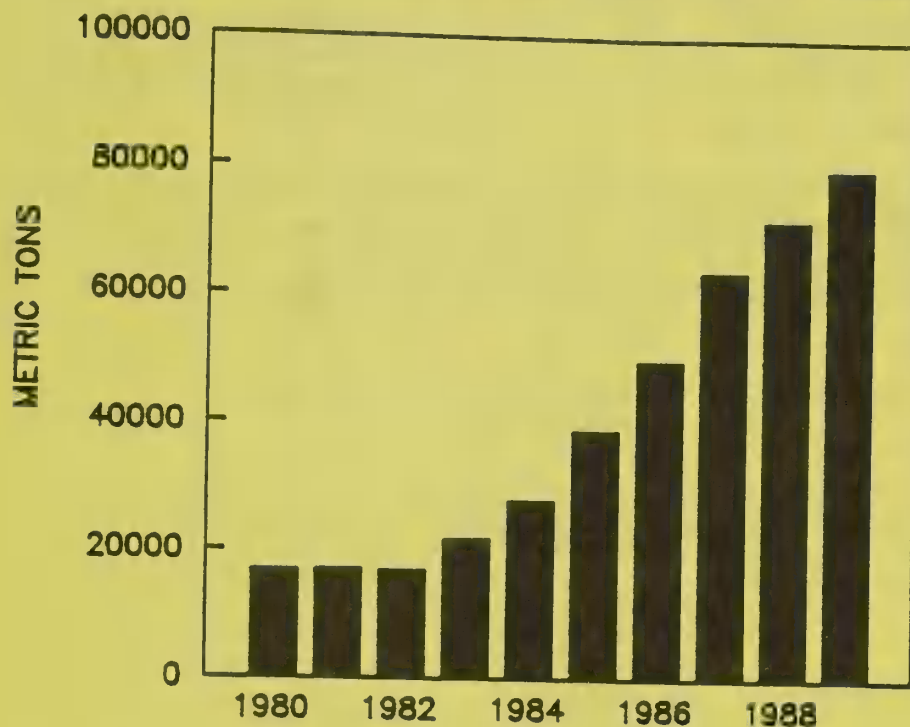


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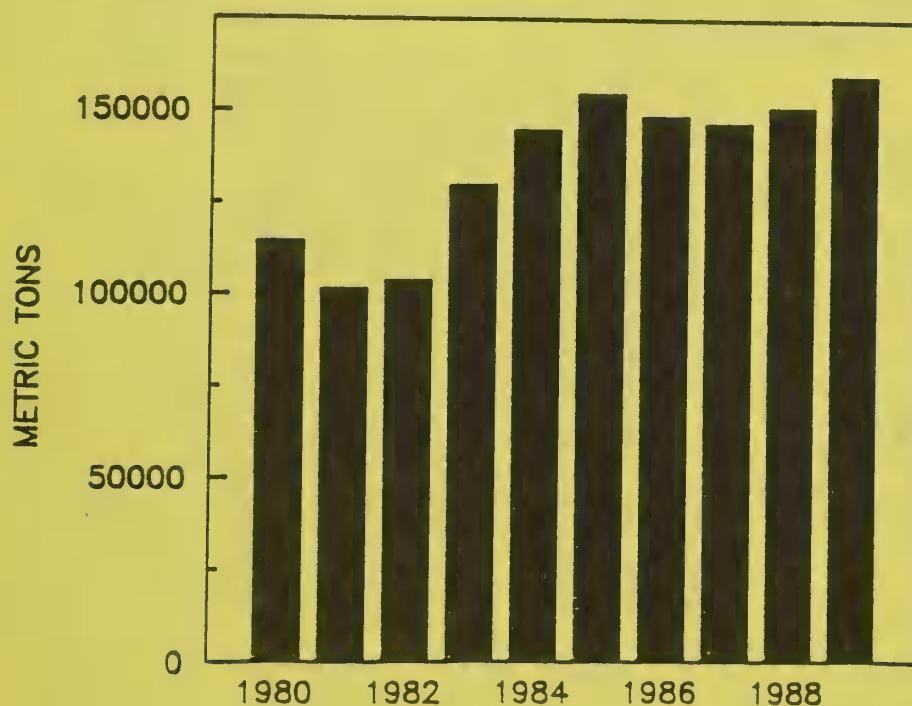


Apple production and acreage in Chile doubled between 1980 and 1988, while pear production has grown even faster, with planted acreage tripling during the same period. Pear acreage increased another 30 percent last year, which should result in an even faster rise in production in the near future. Pear acreage as a percentage of apple acreage has increased from 20 percent in 1979 to almost 50 percent, based on the estimates for 1988.

PLUM PRODUCTION IN CHILE



PEACH & NECTARINE PRODUCTION IN CHILE



Unlike the stone fruits and grapes, the United States is not Chile's major market for apples and pears. Chile ships these two products to a growing number of markets around the world. Apple exports have traditionally focused on the EC, the Middle East, and to a lesser extent North and South America. During the past 10 years, however, there has been a relative decline in the importance of the EC while the Middle East has remained constant. Much of the decline in the Community's role may be attributed to the voluntary restraint programs instituted by the EC for Southern Hemisphere producers. The result of this decline in the Community's importance has been an increase in the percentage of apples shipped to the United States, from 6 percent in 1978 to 11 percent in 1987. There also has been a diversification in the countries receiving apples from Chile as can be seen in the growth from 6 percent to 15 percent of the "other" category in the following table.

The growth of pear exports from Chile has focused on the United States, more so than expansion into new markets. The percentage of total pear exports going to the United States has increased from 15 percent to 28 percent, while the "other" category has remained constant at 8 percent.

CHILE: APPLE & PEAR EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(METRIC TONS)

	-----1978-----		-----1988-----	
	EXPORTS	% TOTAL	EXPORTS	% TOTAL
APPLES				
Netherlands	32,123	28%	71,956	21%
Saudi Arabia	27,844	24%	58,237	17%
West Germany	10,542	9%	30,388	9%
Belgium	10,243	9%	N/A	--
Venezuela	7,861	7%	N/A	--
United States	6,557	6%	38,290	11%
United Kingdom	6,220	5%	19,582	6%
Colombia	5,581	5%	18,289	5%
Italy	2,453	2%	23,656	7%
U. Arab Emirates	N/A	--	12,365	4%
Kuwait	N/A	--	11,680	3%
France	N/A	--	10,042	3%
Other	6,698	6%	53,515	15%
TOTAL	116,122	--	348,000	--
PEARS				
Italy	3,391	21%	9,076	15%
Netherlands	3,363	21%	17,577	28%
United States	2,317	15%	17,419	28%
Venezuela	1,978	13%	N/A	--
Brazil	1,901	12%	1,150	2%
West Germany	748	5%	6,142	10%
North Yemen	588	4%	N/A	--
United Kingdom	352	2%	N/A	--
France	N/A	--	2,663	4%
Sweden	N/A	--	2,027	3%
Hong Kong	N/A	--	1,225	2%
Other	1,190	8%	4,721	8%
TOTAL	15,828	--	62,000	--

ALGERIAN TOMATO PRODUCTS IMPORT MARKET

Algerians are major consumers of tomato paste and related products. Although in 1987/88 Algeria reportedly produced 240,000 tons of tomatoes for processing and 30,000 tons of fresh market tomatoes, the country needed to import about 50,000 tons of tomato paste in order to meet consumption requirements. In general, Algeria imports tomato products from the EC (France, Italy, and Spain), and other countries such as Tunisia and Turkey. The country's processing capacity is estimated at 61,000 tons of tomato paste during the harvest season. Algeria is in the market for 15,000 tons of tomato concentrates for immediate delivery. The present situation provides an opportunity for the U.S. industry to market tomato paste in Algeria.

Production: Production of processing tomatoes in Algeria satisfies about 50 percent of the country's total demand. Factors limiting production and distribution of tomato products include: 1) a lack of irrigation for intensive summer growing of tomatoes, 2) a lack of canning facilities to accommodate increased production, 3) a poor distribution system, and 4) government restrictions on imports of tomato concentrates due to shortages of foreign exchange reserves and a lack of financing for imports.

Marketing Tomato Products: In Algeria, all tomato products are distributed to individuals and private entities through state-run agencies. The country has two government-owned and operated agencies: ENAPAL and ENAJUC which have a monopoly on the production and import of tomato products. Algeria has no private entity importing tomato products.

ENAJUC is a processor of triple concentrated (38-40% TSS) tomato products. It manufactures and imports this highly concentrated tomato product which is diluted to make puree and paste. These products are then distributed by ENAPAL to local merchants. In addition, ENAPAL imports tomato paste (28% TSS) in cans for distribution directly to local merchants and state stores. ENAPAL and ENAJUC operate independently of each other. There is little coordination of tenders or joint negotiations. Negotiations with both importers are likely to be long discussions of the most minute details. Interested U.S. exporters should be prepared to make an initial introductory visit.

Method of Procurement and Payment Terms: Algeria usually issues tenders every six months. The next tender for triple concentrate (38% TSS) will be held in April, 1989. Algerian law prohibits importers from trading with intermediaries. All suppliers must complete and sign a form certifying that they are producers of tomato products and not agents. In the past all contracts have required inter-ministerial committee approval. New laws giving autonomy to state entities should make signing contracts easier. Nevertheless, an exporter should expect at least 60 days between negotiations and final contract approval. Contracts can be negotiated for both F.O.B. and C&F price offers. Supplier credit must be available for the U.S. suppliers to compete in the Algerian tomato paste import market. Usually a performance bond of 5-15 percent is required. There is some flexibility in this regard and the bond should be negotiated before signing.

Personal negotiations are the custom in Algeria. After submitting offers via telex, the companies offering the best price and finance package are asked to appear in Algeria for final negotiations. Previous prices offered will mean very little when negotiations begin. Negotiations can be time consuming and will go on between competing suppliers and Algerian buyers until the Algerian negotiators feel they have the best possible price.

For further information on the Algerian tomato products import market and detailed specification requirements, contact Melinda Sallyards at (202) 382-8911.

Based on a report by the U.S. Agricultural Trade Officer in Algiers.

WEEKLY EXCHANGE RATES FOR SELECTED FOREIGN CURRENCIES
February 16, 1989

(Foreign Currency Units Per U.S. Dollar)

Currencies	2/16/89	1/17/89	2/88	2/87
	Current Rate	Month Ago Rate	Year Ago Avg.	Two Year Ago Avg.
Canadian Dollar	1.1862	1.1983	1.2679	1.3335
ECU 1/	0.8857	0.8852	0.8215	0.8814
British Pound	0.5647	0.5647	0.5691	0.6541
French Franc	6.2800	6.3063	5.7319	6.0745
West German Mark	1.8377	1.8493	1.6969	1.8231
Japanese Yen	126.1100	127.6500	129.1700	153.3400
South Korean Won	679.6000	683.0000	777.2650	856.4580
New Taiwan Dollar	27.6000	27.7300	28.5650	35.1680
Singapore Dollar	1.9233	1.9440	2.0162	2.1380
Hong Kong Dollar	7.8010	7.8035	7.7954	7.7919

1/ European Currency Unit. A weighted basket of the currencies of the 12 EC member states.

Exchange rates are spot as of 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Feb. 16, 1989
Source: FAS/TEID Exchange Rate Database and Wall Street Journal.

Note: The fewer foreign currency units required to purchase one U.S. dollar, the more competitive U.S. export products are in foreign markets.

CHILE: SELECTED FRUIT SUPPLY AND UTILIZATION
(METRIC TONS)

Commodity/ Mkting Yr.1/	Area Planted (Hectares)	Production	Exports	Domestic Consumption 2/	Processing	Total Utilization
Apples						
1979/80	15,500	245,000	163,013	71,987	10,000	245,000
1980/81	16,900	298,400	190,000	98,900	9,500	298,400
1981/82	17,600	335,000	210,000	113,000	12,000	335,000
1982/83	18,100	370,000	179,295	160,705	30,000	370,000
1983/84	18,600	410,000	208,000	167,000	35,000	410,000
1984/85	19,000	450,000	202,862	172,138	75,000	450,000
1985/86	21,600	515,000	312,800	124,900	77,300	515,000
1986/87	22,700	580,000	331,000	120,000	123,500	580,000
1987/88	24,000	630,000	348,000	130,000	146,000	630,000
1988/89	N/A	678,000	345,000	135,000	191,000	678,000
Pears						
1979/80	3,300	39,100	22,368	13,232	5,500	39,100
1980/81	3,600	45,500	21,667	20,833	5,000	45,500
1981/82	3,900	45,000	25,630	16,370	3,000	45,000
1982/83	4,400	50,000	20,149	29,351	500	50,000
1983/84	4,800	56,000	27,947	27,553	500	56,000
1984/85	5,800	60,000	30,524	28,300	1,200	
1985/86	7,600	78,000	45,000	31,800	1,200	78,000
1986/87	9,000	74,000	44,700	26,000	1,100	74,000
1987/88	11,500	80,000	62,000	14,400	1,200	80,000
1988/89	N/A	111,000	78,000	28,200	1,300	110,000
Apricots						
1979/80	1,400	13,600	16	8,584	5,000	13,600
1980/81	1,400	13,000	17	8,483	4,500	13,000
1981/82	1,500	12,000	21	7,779	4,200	12,000
1982/83	1,500	13,500	69	7,431	6,000	13,500
1983/84	1,600	13,500	403	7,097	6,000	13,500
1984/85	1,600	14,000	700	7,300	6,000	14,000
1985/86	1,800	14,700	1,400	5,900	7,400	14,700
1986/87	1,900	11,800	810	4,790	6,000	11,800
1987/88	1,900	12,500	1,530	4,770	6,000	12,500
1988/89	N/A	16,000	2,000	6,300	7,500	16,000
Fresh Cherries, (Sweet&Sour)						
1979/80	1,800	5,300	793	3,207	1,300	5,300
1980/81	2,100	5,900	749	4,151	1,000	5,900
1981/82	2,300	6,000	672	4,328	1,000	6,000
1982/83	2,400	7,000	677	5,823	500	7,000
1983/84	2,500	7,500	1,007	5,693	800	7,500
1984/85	2,600	8,500	1,150	6,350	1,000	8,500
1985/86	3,000	9,500	1,200	5,900	2,400	9,500
1986/87	3,100	6,250	1,140	3,210	1,500	6,250
1987/88	3,200	8,550	2,160	3,690	2,100	8,550
1988/89	N/A	10,500	2,300	4,700	2,500	10,500

Commodity/ Mkting Yr. 1/	Area Planted (Hectares)	Production	Exports	Domestic Consumption 2/	Processing	Total Utilization
Peaches & Nectarines						
1979/80	13,300	114,600	9,720	91,880	13,000	114,600
1980/81	13,900	101,700	9,195	77,505	15,000	101,700
1981/82	14,500	104,000	11,330	82,670	10,000	104,000
1982/83	14,300	130,000	16,341	99,659	14,000	130,000
1983/84	14,300	145,000	23,321	105,679	16,000	145,000
1984/85	14,400	155,000	34,000	101,000	20,000	155,000
1985/86	15,100	148,900	39,200	88,900	20,800	148,900
1986/87	15,500	147,000	44,400	77,200	21,000	147,000
1987/88	16,600	151,400	46,000	76,900	24,000	151,400
1988/89	16,600	160,000	48,000	81,000	26,000	160,000
Plums & Prunes						
1979/80	3,700	17,000	3,383	1,617	12,000	17,000
1980/81	4,700	17,200	3,077	2,123	12,000	17,200
1981/82	5,500	17,000	3,048	1,952	12,000	17,000
1982/83	6,400	22,000	5,801	4,199	12,000	22,000
1983/84	7,200	28,000	8,790	5,710	13,500	28,000
1984/85	7,900	39,000	16,544	4,456	18,000	39,000
1985/86	8,400	50,000	19,200	13,800	17,000	50,000
1986/87	9,100	64,000	24,700	5,000	32,800	64,000
1987/88	9,300	72,000	30,000	5,500	35,000	72,000
1988/89	N/A	80,000	36,000	6,000	36,500	80,000
Table Grapes						
1979/80	13,500	85,000	49,848	17,152	18,000	85,000
1980/81	16,900	121,700	79,802	16,898	25,000	121,700
1981/82	20,300	152,000	109,244	17,756	25,000	152,000
1982/83	24,100	200,000	150,161	29,839	20,000	200,000
1983/84	28,700	230,000	178,419	36,581	15,000	230,000
1984/85	35,400	295,000	231,527	38,473	25,000	295,000
1985/86	38,800	307,500	231,300	31,600	44,600	307,500
1986/87	42,200	370,000	271,500	39,000	54,000	370,000
1987/88	45,000	440,000	340,000	39,000	55,000	440,000
1988/89	N/A	495,000	390,000	38,500	60,000	495,000

1/ Beginning months of marketing years are as follows: November, apricots and cherries; December, grapes; January of second year shown, pears, peaches & nectarines, and plums; February of second year shown, apples. 2/ Domestic Consumption includes waste and loss.
NOTE: All 1988/89 data are preliminary.

U.S. IMPORTS OF FRESH CUT FLOWERS
(1,000 blooms)

Country of Origin	1984:	1985:	1986:	1987:	1988
Roses					
Colombia.....:	100,288	125,677	160,491	199,604	213,199
Israel.....:	4,366	5,711	2,863	1,543	706
Netherlands.....:	9,656	14,970	11,581	10,489	9,730
Guatemala.....:	5,251	6,997	6,872	7,722	9,285
Mexico.....:	3,403	8,236	15,196	17,538	25,861
Costa Rica.....:	1,159	3,854	5,605	6,890	5,767
Ecuador.....:	NA	1,381	7,221	13,126	16,791
Others.....:	4,999	6,325	7,193	6,937	5,830
Sub-Total.....:	129,122	173,151	217,022	263,849	287,169
Carnations (standard)					
Colombia.....:	571,239	659,181	779,705	866,586	891,846
Mexico.....:	18,009	19,926	20,632	20,109	17,817
Netherlands.....:	9,719	11,782	7,564	6,483	3,237
Peru.....:	6,451	679	679	907	5,228
Ecuador.....:	2,542	4,843	7,192	9,751	8,103
Costa Rica.....:	2,720	4,988	7,919	5,897	2,093
Others.....:	5,044	13,977	13,523	6,979	4,837
Sub-Total.....:	615,724	715,376	837,214	916,712	933,161
Other Cut Flowers					
Alstroemeria.....:	NA	33,132	57,571	66,351	81,470
Gerbera.....:	NA	19,040	18,216	30,945	32,620
Chrysanthemums.....:	30,581	38,988	26,817	24,445	26,097
Pompon Chry. 2/.....:	349,944	411,336	455,802	466,590	508,278
States 2/.....:	62,885	30,402	48,033	54,243	57,942
Tulips.....:	33,177	58,116	59,036	55,525	38,594
Gypsophila 2/.....:	27,777	15,176	19,509	26,341	36,477
Iris.....:	20,820	28,872	25,872	26,279	25,059
Lilies.....:	26,864	32,803	32,629	32,775	31,587
Chamaedorea.....:	265,541	344,976	359,219	456,925	411,250
Freesia.....:	24,045	34,131	34,294	32,911	31,008
Gladioli.....:	1,989	3,917	3,721	3,987	3,155
Miscellaneous Fern.....:	59,232	14,454	8,745	12,243	6,626
Orchids-Cymbidiums.....:	3,188	2,684	2,210	3,720	5,297
Orchids-Others.....:	7,628	11,908	14,595	14,132	12,867
Carnations, Mina. 2/....:	65,136	102,480	170,916	220,644	281,004
Lilac.....:	1,002	1,532	1,615	1,211	241
Other Ornamentals.....:	72,618	105,850	99,485	121,753	145,495
Sub-Total.....:	1,052,427	1,289,797	1,438,285	1,651,020	1,735,067
TOTAL.....:	1,797,273	2,178,324	2,492,521	2,831,581	2,955,397

NA=Not Available 1/ Do not include imports from Canada. 2/ Revised from bunches to blooms (same as stems).

SOURCE: Inspections by Plant Protection and Quarantine Offices, USDA as reported by the Federal-State Market News Service.

TABLE WINE: U.S. IMPORTS
(MARKETING YEAR BEGINNING IN JANUARY)
(QUANTITY IN 1,000 LITERS, VALUE IN \$1,000)

REGION/COUNTRY	QUANTITY			VALUE		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
WORLD TOTAL.....	317,354	248,109	226,026	670,439	589,837	578,517
CANADA.....	125	51	35	167	56	96
MEXICO.....	40	27	40	53	103	63
CBI BENEFICIARIES..	123	14	47	267	28	85
LW & WW ISLANDS...	51	5	9	80	11	12
PANAMA.....	42	.	.	125	.	.
S. AMER. & NON-CBI	3,026	2,896	4,425	4,561	5,287	6,923
CHILE.....	1,838	1,980	2,830	3,024	3,926	4,798
ARGENTINA.....	997	814	850	1,225	1,188	1,340
BRAZIL.....	139	82	721	245	132	754
PERU.....	39	9	.	54	17	.
EC-TWELVE.....	303,405	232,058	207,179	650,541	558,848	542,812
FRANCE.....	93,636	69,984	67,526	326,645	277,278	280,000
ITALY.....	151,019	114,336	98,850	200,191	180,325	174,358
GERMANY, FED. REP.	35,594	26,584	22,371	82,860	61,674	52,256
PORTUGAL.....	14,014	13,668	11,514	22,797	23,025	19,444
SPAIN.....	5,283	4,999	4,530	10,540	11,530	12,278
GREECE.....	2,058	1,819	1,872	2,237	2,102	2,402
UNITED KINGDOM....	465	300	270	1,865	1,965	1,537
NETHERLANDS.....	753	280	144	1,729	729	286
BELGIUM LUXEMBOURG	502	80	77	1,576	203	146
IRELAND.....	12	4	14	14	4	79
DENMARK.....	68	4	11	87	12	26
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	398	183	119	958	664	721
SWITZERLAND.....	247	89	68	603	399	490
AUSTRIA.....	118	76	51	279	235	231
SWEDEN.....	22	1	.	62	2	.
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	1,819	4,875	4,386	4,827	16,074	16,910
AUSTRALIA.....	1,305	4,544	4,041	3,728	15,196	15,992
CHINA (MAINLAND)..	150	107	195	351	248	484
NEW ZEALAND.....	96	89	40	231	358	229
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	62	48	30	228	100	87
JAPAN.....	78	36	46	117	74	74
BURMA.....	106	15	.	128	16	.
MID. EAST & N. AFR.	1,292	1,157	1,292	1,894	1,877	2,350
ISRAEL.....	912	773	742	1,497	1,363	1,668
ALGERIA.....	231	191	470	184	169	462
LEBANON.....	9	14	18	17	47	126
CYPRUS.....	26	36	53	35	51	85
IRAN.....	32	15	.	49	73	.
MOROCCO.....	70	118	.	73	123	.
OTHER.....	7,125	6,847	8,504	7,171	6,900	8,557
YUGOSLAVIA.....	3,434	3,302	3,659	2,798	2,643	3,028
ROMANIA.....	1,332	1,445	1,829	1,434	1,553	2,083
HUNGARY.....	790	528	1,372	1,054	760	1,738
BULGARIA.....	1,452	1,416	1,526	1,623	1,708	1,544
MAURITIUS.....	6	23	93	28	26	111
SEYCHELLES.....	.	70	.	.	68	.
REP SOUTH AFRICA..	51	0	.	110	3	.
SWAZILAND.....	.	24	.	.	71	.

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CHAMPAGNE: U.S. IMPORTS
(MARKETING YEAR BEGINNING IN JANUARY)
(QUANTITY IN 1,000 LITERS, VALUE IN \$1,000)

REGION/COUNTRY	QUANTITY			VALUE		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
WORLD TOTAL.....	55,216	52,506	49,299	283,379	310,662	296,217
CANADA.....	68	27	15	166	51	18
CBI BENEFICIARIES..	2	23	0	21	58	2
BAHAMAS.....	-	23	-	-	58	-
S. AMER. & NON-CBI	76	34	346	121	74	244
COLOMBIA.....	-	-	301	-	-	147
CHILE.....	10	31	39	20	65	79
ARGENTINA.....	17	2	5	50	6	17
BRAZIL.....	49	1	0	50	3	1
EC-TWELVE.....	54,843	51,621	48,540	282,465	308,596	294,098
FRANCE.....	16,454	15,719	14,753	174,012	195,746	184,483
ITALY.....	22,275	20,887	18,298	65,736	71,016	63,840
SPAIN.....	14,142	13,538	14,283	33,412	34,932	40,594
GERMANY, FED. REP.	898	705	568	3,066	2,502	2,551
UNITED KINGDOM....	204	314	325	922	2,343	1,193
BELGIUM LUXEMBOURG	244	153	43	3,261	1,008	682
PORTUGAL.....	512	230	232	1,090	457	471
NETHERLANDS.....	91	58	32	888	480	217
IRELAND.....	-	9	6	-	69	64
DENMARK.....	24	-	-	75	43	-
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	91	45	152	272	283	671
SWEDEN.....	36	1	112	79	2	417
SWITZERLAND.....	42	14	33	125	45	211
AUSTRIA.....	13	30	7	67	213	44
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	32	172	141	148	655	383
AUSTRALIA.....	26	128	139	123	380	332
JAPAN.....	-	11	2	-	31	52
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	0	12	-	2	161	-
MID. EAST & N. AFR.	13	212	46	29	295	404
ISRAEL.....	13	26	46	28	59	404
TURKEY.....	-	10	-	-	117	-
MOROCCO.....	-	176	-	-	116	-
OTHER.....	83	373	44	147	649	353
MAURITIUS.....	0	18	20	4	67	274
CZECHOSLOVAKIA....	1	26	2	5	214	8
UGANDA.....	-	296	-	-	301	-

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FORTIFIED WINE & VERMOUTH: U.S. IMPORTS
(MARKETING YEAR BEGINNING IN JANUARY)
(QUANTITY IN 1,000 LITERS, VALUE IN \$1,000)

REGION/COUNTRY	QUANTITY			VALUE		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
WORLD TOTAL.....	19,759	18,450	16,459	55,127	57,834	55,262
CANADA.....	32	0	8	65	1	20
CBI BENEFICIARIES..	9	-	-	20	-	-
S. AMER. & NON-CBI	5	5	0	4	17	1
EC-TWELVE.....	19,508	18,312	16,308	54,617	57,355	54,655
SPAIN.....	7,054	6,058	5,098	24,847	22,742	20,594
ITALY.....	9,564	9,276	8,592	16,938	18,586	17,476
PORTUGAL.....	1,038	1,254	1,402	7,989	11,396	12,654
FRANCE.....	1,578	1,543	1,106	3,670	3,732	3,117
UNITED KINGDOM....	115	115	46	476	712	527
NETHERLANDS.....	46	2	16	290	13	91
IRELAND.....	4	5	10	6	6	68
DENMARK.....	18	-	17	56	-	59
GREECE.....	58	47	12	88	60	32
BELGIUM LUXEMBOURG	21	11	-	231	102	-
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	12	7	16	35	21	53
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	25	105	96	113	400	440
AUSTRALIA.....	20	88	86	98	361	412
MID. EAST & N. AFR.	15	-	-	133	-	-
ISRAEL.....	15	-	-	133	-	-
OTHER.....	59	14	31	132	30	94
USSR.....	42	7	24	99	17	58

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COMMODITY REGION/COUNTRY (BEG. MKTG. YR.)	DECEMBER 1987	1988	SEASON TO DATE PREVIOUS	SEASON TO DATE CURRENT	LAST FULL SEASON	COMMODITY REGION/COUNTRY (BEG. MKTG. YR.)	DECEMBER 1987	1988	SEASON TO DATE PREVIOUS	SEASON TO DATE CURRENT	LAST FULL SEASON
FRESH FRUIT						ORANGES.....(NOV)	18,457		37,070	18,479	334,770
APPLES.....(JUL)	40,694		148,062	104,778	293,211	CANADA.....	9,990		19,425	7,961	95,184
CANADA.....	2,649		17,117	19,015	41,099	EC-TWELVE.....			7		4,021
EC-TWELVE.....	3,786		14,327	6,920	28,273	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	7		7		1,276
UNITED KINGDOM...	1,545		5,734	5,675	16,073	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	8,435		17,573	10,440	231,459
NETHERLANDS.....	1,633		6,959	286	9,265	JAPAN.....	3,445		9,809	3,043	115,387
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	9,170		18,113	14,648	29,790	HONG KONG.....	2,969		5,237	5,624	78,137
SWEDEN.....	6,098		8,129	5,463	12,381	MID. EAST & N. AFR					20
FINLAND.....	1,231		5,422	5,220	8,631	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	18		47	40	2,526
NORWAY.....	1,675		3,716	3,189	7,165	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	7		10		275
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	16,781		68,208	48,018	145,140	OTHER.....					9
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	10,133		35,381	21,530	73,641	GRAPES.....(JUN)	7,354		95,870	105,332	111,588
HONG KONG.....	3,738		17,545	8,684	40,083	CANADA.....	2,739		51,787	57,061	64,862
MID. EAST & N. AFR	3,913		18,714	9,426	27,553	EC-TWELVE.....	358		5,796	4,903	6,049
SAUDI ARABIA.....	2,947		12,070	6,130	17,381	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	590		2,076	1,660	2,098
UNITED ARAB EMIRA	967		6,184	3,118	9,128	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	1,614		30,730	37,825	32,465
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	3,684		9,266	5,251	17,577	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	272		10,327	10,857	10,522
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	705		2,276	1,488	3,713	HONG KONG.....	570		8,861	12,986	9,183
OTHER.....	5		41	12	66	JAPAN.....	402		3,711	4,178	4,767
AVOCADOS.....(OCT)	1,317		2,401	945	13,327	SINGAPORE.....	143		3,426	3,911	3,537
CANADA.....	102		254	131	1,408	MID. EAST & N. AFR	88		562	1,211	611
EC-TWELVE.....	1,088		1,459	606	7,324	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	1,645		4,079	2,276	4,450
FRANCE.....	773		889		3,933	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	320		840	397	1,054
UNITED KINGDOM...	162		394	282	1,851	PEARS.....(JUL)	6,332		26,472	24,329	43,830
NETHERLANDS.....	95		95	274	1,021	CANADA.....	1,368		10,040	13,407	18,997
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	16		82	176	1,203	EC-TWELVE.....	890		1,357	967	2,284
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	111		604	1	3,376	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	2,012		6,832	5,231	9,796
JAPAN.....	111		604	1	3,357	SWEDEN.....	1,937		6,312	4,398	8,959
LAT. AMER./EX CARR			2	30	5	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	245		1,589	531	2,029
OTHER.....					10	MID. EAST & N. AFR	927		3,651	2,665	5,596
STRAWBERRIES..(JAN)	77		10,548	13,684	10,548	SAUDI ARABIA.....	706		1,748	1,631	2,677
CANADA.....	21		7,010	9,261	7,010	UNITED ARAB EMIRA	221		1,682	826	2,526
EC-TWELVE.....	8		632	674	632	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	849		2,880	1,417	4,973
OTHER WEST EUROPE..			66	128	66	MEXICO.....	247		1,320	837	3,282
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	47		2,761	3,488	2,761	PANAMA.....	190		629	302	725
JAPAN.....	47		2,586	3,027	2,586	BRAZIL.....	189		607	184	607
MID. EAST & N. AFR			61	100	61	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	41		123	111	156
LAT. AMER./EX CARR				29		PRUNES/PLUMS..(JAN)	141		34,747	41,335	34,747
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	2		18	4	18	CANADA.....	65		11,544	16,785	11,544
CHERRIES, SW&TT(MAY)	288		23,808	25,420	24,254	EC-TWELVE.....			3,397	4,240	3,397
CANADA.....	146		5,999	5,585	6,297	OTHER WEST EUROPE..			1,187	1,145	1,187
EC-TWELVE.....	106		2,730	2,545	2,791	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	67		17,962	18,050	17,962
UNITED KINGDOM...	17		1,645	1,986	1,689	HONG KONG.....			11,073	6,129	11,073
GERMANY, FED. REP	63		731	342	731	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	34		5,414	9,832	5,414
OTHER WEST EUROPE..			723	871	723	MID. EAST & N. AFR			73	20	73
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	33		14,280	16,323	14,357	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	5		494	993	494
JAPAN.....	33		11,782	14,383	11,842	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	4			101	
HONG KONG.....			1,985	1,229	1,987	KIWIFRUIT.....(OCT)	1,723		3,306	1,691	12,127
MID. EAST & N. AFR			11	34	11	CANADA.....	76		557	938	2,937
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	3		57	59	67	EC-TWELVE.....	810		1,558	172	2,312
BERMUDA & CARIBB..			5			NETHERLANDS.....	486		851	172	1,395
OTHER.....			3			GERMANY, FED. REP	104		209		395
GRAPEFRUIT....(SEP)	27,163		88,327	60,929	461,976	UNITED KINGDOM...	161		369		370
CANADA.....	4,558		12,551	7,062	36,865	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	374		562	31	1,483
EC-TWELVE.....	11,565		34,894	31,811	140,035	SWEDEN.....	231		310	31	603
FRANCE.....	5,115		16,354	12,073	61,642	FINLAND.....	68		82		568
NETHERLANDS.....	2,729		7,119	12,072	27,136	AUSTRIA.....	62		158		203
GERMANY, FED. REP	1,912		5,965	1,282	17,975	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	449		598	547	5,269
BELGIUM LUXEMBOUR	456		1,356	1,958	15,919	JAPAN.....	132		192		3,834
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	365		713	538	2,862	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	97		139	495	687
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	10,661		40,141	21,495	281,959	MID. EAST & N. AFR	14		27		94
JAPAN.....	9,887		37,744	18,800	242,139	LAT. AMER./EX CARR			4		23
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	61		771	871	31,903	BERMUDA & CARIBB..					
MID. EAST & N. AFR	13		13		79	CANNED FRUIT					
LAT. AMER./EX CARR			15	5	143	APRICOTS.....(JUN)	72		330	435	749
BERMUDA & CARIBB..				18	33	CANADA.....			69	138	95
LEMONS.....(AUG)	13,420		57,407	49,950	139,205	EC-TWELVE.....	5			25	105
CANADA.....	791		3,224	2,972	7,101	NETHERLANDS.....	5		7		51
EC-TWELVE.....	430		781	567	2,722	FRANCE.....					46
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	53		107	58	230	OTHER WEST EUROPE..			12	5	30
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	12,014		52,735	45,846	128,431	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	27		125	149	327
JAPAN.....	10,844		48,979	41,873	117,938	JAPAN.....	25		59	84	218
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	133		560	486	720	HONG KONG.....			41		41
BERMUDA & CARIBB..					1	KOREA, REPUBLIC O					34
OTHER.....				20		MID. EAST & N. AFR	40		101	73	169
LIMES.....(APR)	430		3,693	1,903	4,110	SAUDI ARABIA.....	15		51	42	59
CANADA.....	154		781	465	1,115	KUWAIT.....			12	25	58
EC-TWELVE.....	257		798	1,147	857	QATAR.....	23		25	4	36
FRANCE.....	235		443	695	489	LAT. AMER./EX CARR			2	9	5
NETHERLANDS.....			146	141	146	BERMUDA & CARIBB..			13	36	17
UNITED KINGDOM...	4		133	269	146	CHERRIES, MARAC(JUL)	128		1,160	1,296	2,238
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	19		50	43	50	CANADA.....	5		85	25	93
EAST ASIA & PACIF..			2,061	242	2,077	EC-TWELVE.....			128	26	172
MALAYSIA.....			856		872	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	3		31	24	73
HONG KONG.....			743		743	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	105		794	1,103	1,666
JAPAN.....			251	224	251	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	29		323	501	787
LAT. AMER./EX CARR			4	7	4	HONG KONG.....	25		154	149	367
BERMUDA & CARIBB..						MID. EAST & N. AFR	3		19	31	67

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CHERRIES, MAR (CONT)						PRUNES.....(AUG)	5,143		28,029	23,119	59,027
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	6		61	60	101	CANADA.....	295		1,584	1,490	3,261
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	7		42	27	65	EC-TWELVE.....	2,315		13,823	12,475	28,362
CHERRIES, SW&T(JUL)	363		2,849	2,344	5,422	GERMANY, FED. REP	732		3,956	2,657	9,652
CANADA.....	98		904	731	1,833	ITALY.....	758		4,629	3,871	8,288
EC-TWELVE.....	152		1,065	699	1,615	UNITED KINGDOM...	293		1,193	1,142	3,267
GERMANY, FED. REP	85		499	58	684	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	382		4,149	3,603	8,057
NETHERLANDS.....	38		332	344	524	SWEDEN.....	136		1,370	1,081	3,485
BELGIUM LUXEMBOUR	18		173	270	278	FINLAND.....	121		1,813	1,423	2,280
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	5		79	6	101	NORWAY.....	48		673	719	1,434
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	106		775	874	1,766	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	1,460		5,666	4,510	14,316
JAPAN.....	52		274	410	628	JAPAN.....	996		3,956	2,985	9,925
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	24		256	246	620	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	191		376	481	1,441
SINGAPORE.....	17		153	97	367	MID. EAST & N. AFR	192		1,097	287	1,842
MID. EAST & N. AFR	1		21	17	83	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	481		1,404	594	2,802
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	2			15	20	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	17		306	159	374
BERMUDA & CARIBB..				3	5	OTHER.....			1		15
PEACHES.....(JUN)	1,270		10,316	8,937	18,622	FRUIT JUICE (1,000 GALLONS)					
CANADA.....	262		1,117	962	2,313	(FOR STRENGTH OF JUICE, SEE FOOTNOTES)					
EC-TWELVE.....	15		64	189	265	GRPFRT, SS....(DEC)	125		125		3,403
OTHER WEST EUROPE.			157	164	397	CANADA.....	12		12		65
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	873		8,234	6,939	14,418	EC-TWELVE.....	10		10		903
JAPAN.....	527		5,650	4,161	9,899	FRANCE.....	10		10		694
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	274		1,434	1,865	2,866	ITALY.....					191
MID. EAST & N. AFR	30		230	254	352	OTHER WEST EUROPE.					28
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	81		441	353	731	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	45		45		2,177
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	9		72	77	146	CHINA (TAIWAN)...					1,210
PEARS.....(JUN)	67		572	500	1,018	JAPAN.....	13		13		708
CANADA.....	35		65	66	155	MID. EAST & N. AFR	41		41		171
EC-TWELVE.....	6		17	51	48	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	16		16		20
OTHER WEST EUROPE.			56	65	132	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	1		1		38
NORWAY.....			52	35	101	OTHER.....					1
SWEDEN.....			4	14	31	ORANGE, SS....(DEC)	439		439		7,715
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	11		284	196	409	CANADA.....	2		2		164
JAPAN.....	4		152	74	206	EC-TWELVE.....	132		132		2,842
SINGAPORE.....	4		45	31	51	FRANCE.....	115		115		2,507
FR PACIFIC ISLAND	2		10	10	41	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	1		1		131
MID. EAST & N. AFR	11		107	101	171	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	154		154		2,895
SAUDI ARABIA.....			51	43	78	JAPAN.....	88		88		1,309
KUWAIT.....	4		38	14	40	HONG KONG.....	64		64		663
EGYPT.....				32	34	KOREA, REPUBLIC O					398
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	5		18	4	53	SINGAPORE.....					305
BERMUDA & CARIBB..			25	16	50	MID. EAST & N. AFR	75		75		848
PINEAPPLES....(JAN)	466		7,234	10,833	7,234	UNITED ARAB EMIRA	25		25		289
CANADA.....	339		4,662	5,502	4,662	SAUDI ARABIA.....	16		16		246
EC-TWELVE.....	118		1,350	3,476	1,350	OMAN.....	2		2		87
GERMANY, FED. REP			478	867	478	BAHRAIN.....	6		6		85
NETHERLANDS.....	4		478	967	478	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	2		2		61
UNITED KINGDOM...	6		154	363	154	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	73		73		750
OTHER WEST EUROPE.			532	928	532	OTHER.....					23
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	3		394	694	394	GRPFRT, FC....(DEC)	134		134		4,229
MID. EAST & N. AFR			25	98	25	CANADA.....	41		41		540
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	2		100	47	100	EC-TWELVE.....	20		20		858
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	4		106	90	106	GERMANY, FED. REP	6		6		443
OTHER.....			64		64	NETHERLANDS.....			8		288
MIXED FRUIT... (JUN)	2,345		15,208	11,650	24,531	UNITED KINGDOM...	1		1		115
CANADA.....	829		3,932	2,668	6,591	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	12		12		156
EC-TWELVE.....	5		245	196	415	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	61		61		2,323
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	35		517	378	969	JAPAN.....	51		51		2,128
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	1,178		8,566	6,323	13,201	MID. EAST & N. AFR					347
JAPAN.....	389		2,425	3,154	5,285	LAT. AMER., EX CARR					2
HONG KONG.....	228		2,984	995	3,418	BERMUDA & CARIBB..					3
SINGAPORE.....	247		1,311	621	1,784	ORANGE, FC....(DEC)	866		866		13,665
PHILIPPINES.....	249		1,179	897	1,470	CANADA.....	522		522		5,132
MID. EAST & N. AFR	44		621	779	1,079	EC-TWELVE.....	100		100		3,650
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	109		846	961	1,552	NETHERLANDS.....	4		4		1,363
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	146		482	300	724	GERMANY, FED. REP	22		22		918
OTHER.....				44		UNITED KINGDOM...	22		22		813
DRIED FRUIT						OTHER WEST EUROPE.	120		120		1,185
RAISINS.....(AUG)	8,052		45,442	37,617	97,446	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	72		72		2,839
CANADA.....	252		2,159	2,390	4,311	JAPAN.....					957
EC-TWELVE.....	2,626		20,340	15,782	43,896	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	25		25		494
UNITED KINGDOM...	1,249		8,806	7,579	20,237	HONG KONG.....	28		28		489
GERMANY, FED. REP	587		4,704	3,106	9,909	AUSTRALIA.....					424
DENMARK.....	252		3,687	2,625	6,843	MID. EAST & N. AFR	33		33		542
NETHERLANDS.....	471		1,919	1,224	4,427	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	12		12		216
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	375		5,846	6,704	9,956	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	8				99
SWEDEN.....	132		2,684	3,095	4,749	OTHER.....					1
FINLAND.....	53		1,684	1,824	2,324	GRPFRT, CNF....(DEC)	125		125		2,025
NORWAY.....	79		1,162	1,557	2,182	CANADA.....	77		77		579
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	4,006		14,777	11,518	35,060	EC-TWELVE.....					373
JAPAN.....	2,736		9,774	7,188	24,305	NETHERLANDS.....					202
MID. EAST & N. AFR	215		1,317	602	2,329	DENMARK.....					90
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	554		835	376	1,501	ITALY.....					60
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	23		168	245	371	OTHER WEST EUROPE.					64
OTHER.....					20	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	45		45		876
						JAPAN.....	39		39		817
						MID. EAST & N. AFR					103
						BERMUDA & CARIBB..	3		3		28

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(BEG. MKTG. YR.)	1987	1988	PREVIOUS: CURRENT	SEASON	(BEG. MKTG. YR.)	1987	1988	PREVIOUS: CURRENT	SEASON
GRPFRT, CNF. (CONT)					JAPAN.....	3,265	18,201	14,823	45,390
OTHER.....				3	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	740	2,934	2,929	8,763
ORANGE, CNF. (DEC)	141		141	4,223	MID. EAST & N. AFR	65	294	321	603
CANADA.....	2		2	107	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	359	879	750	1,996
EC-TWELVE.....	25		25	738	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	27	272	168	1,003
UNITED KINGDOM...				236	OTHER.....				48
NETHERLANDS.....	11		11	195	TOM., PST&PULP. (JUL)	793	2,467	5,979	5,327
GERMANY, FED. REP				191	CANADA.....	90	656	779	1,208
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	5		5	323	EC-TWELVE.....		70	2,665	103
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	104		104	1,741	OTHER WEST EUROPE.			5	
HONG KONG.....	9		9	382	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	434	1,176	2,060	2,963
MALAYSIA.....	29		29	293	JAPAN.....	390	832	1,602	2,123
SINGAPORE.....	40		40	256	FR PACIFIC ISLAND	26	147	184	318
THAILAND.....				226	MID. EAST & N. AFR	74	151	41	264
JAPAN.....				200	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	89	176	152	299
CHINA (TAIWAN)...				182	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	105	237	277	488
MID. EAST & N. AFR				970	OTHER.....				2
SAUDI ARABIA.....				488	TOMATO, WHOLE. (JUL)	365	1,758	2,592	3,814
UNITED ARAB EMIRA				390	CANADA.....	262	1,127	2,009	2,272
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	1		1	75	EC-TWELVE.....		26	10	26
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	5		5	228	OTHER WEST EUROPE.			5	2
OTHER.....				40	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	37	345	423	1,025
FRESH VEGETABLES					JAPAN.....	23	244	297	460
ASPARAGUS..... (OCT)	12		38	34	CHINA (TAIWAN)...				161
CANADA.....	2		11	22	SINGAPORE.....		67	66	152
EC-TWELVE.....	3		5	1,811	AUSTRALIA.....			20	125
ITALY.....				840	MID. EAST & N. AFR	19	29	23	71
UNITED KINGDOM...	3		3	835	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	9	19	6	25
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	8			751	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	38	211	89	393
EAST ASIA & PACIF.			15	6,101	NETHL. ANTILLES...	25	129	15	191
JAPAN.....			15	5,841	BERMUDA.....	10	58	29	103
MID. EAST & N. AFR				2	OTHER.....			28	
LAT. AMER., EX CARR				24	OTHER PROCESSED VEGETABLES				
BERMUDA & CARIBB..				2	CORN, SWEET, FRZ (JUL)	4,199	21,167	20,277	47,508
LETTUCE..... (OCT)	33,339		66,834	24,877	CANADA.....	215	1,360	445	3,066
CANADA.....	32,281		64,131	179,614	EC-TWELVE.....	102	710	2,907	4,484
EC-TWELVE.....	272		586	158,275	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	198	358	137	1,033
OTHER WEST EUROPE.				1,685	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	3,599	18,477	16,590	37,960
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	393		1,354	191	JAPAN.....	2,981	15,651	14,014	32,237
MID. EAST & N. AFR	21		41	16,845	AUSTRALIA.....	424	2,135	1,884	4,201
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	24		154	56	MID. EAST & N. AFR	40	156	50	699
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	349		568	1,058	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	37	49	22	72
OTHER.....				1,498	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	8	58	102	193
ONION..... (OCT)	16,052		35,969	31,842	OTHER.....			23	
CANADA.....	5,032		10,697	104,391	FR. FRIES, FRZ. (JUL)	9,041	53,065	55,610	108,263
EC-TWELVE.....	110		414	41,616	CANADA.....	32	178	274	370
OTHER WEST EUROPE.				1,061	EC-TWELVE.....	85	479	22	589
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	9,470		20,843	924	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	8,694	51,399	53,488	104,582
JAPAN.....	5,032		11,476	52,511	JAPAN.....	7,331	44,048	45,626	88,805
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	3,297		5,525	34,200	MID. EAST & N. AFR	108	590	878	1,467
HONG KONG.....	1,007		2,852	10,075	LAT. AMER., EX CARR		23	112	52
MID. EAST & N. AFR			39	5,971	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	113	397	771	1,204
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	1,377		3,826	112	OTHER.....			65	
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	40		54	6,864	GARLIC, DRD/DEH (JAN)	443	3,345	3,739	3,345
OTHER.....	23		23	1,257	CANADA.....	84	1,248	1,075	1,248
POTATOES, TABL (OCT)	1,224		2,929	45	EC-TWELVE.....	164	1,014	1,066	1,014
CANADA.....	817		2,082	30,754	UNITED KINGDOM...	83	421	539	421
OTHER WEST EUROPE.				27,165	GERMANY, FED. REP	34	341	349	341
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	91		192	19	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	27	232	302	232
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	242		342	701	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	30	473	647	473
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	74		290	1,993	AUSTRALIA.....	11	248	452	248
OTHER.....			3	847	JAPAN.....		102	116	102
POTATOES, SEED (OCT)	89		187	29	OTHER PACIFIC IS.	20	96	56	96
CANADA.....				4,472	MID. EAST & N. AFR	9	66	92	66
EC-TWELVE.....	18		18	3,905	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	124	253	448	253
EAST ASIA & PACIF.			36	18	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	4	35	61	35
LAT. AMER., EX CARR				211	OTHER.....		24	46	24
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	71		133	172	ONIONS, DRD/DEH (JAN)	2,599	18,193	17,057	18,193
TOMATOES..... (OCT)	6,554		20,621	165	CANADA.....	228	1,979	1,445	1,979
CANADA.....	6,500		19,822	76,778	EC-TWELVE.....	751	7,415	6,710	7,415
EC-TWELVE.....	4		7	72,548	UNITED KINGDOM...	298	2,770	2,462	2,770
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	10		12	62	GERMANY, FED. REP	195	2,602	2,487	2,602
EAST ASIA & PACIF.			635	96	NETHERLANDS.....	168	760	615	760
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	3		21	3,550	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	243	2,057	1,837	2,057
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	29		117	202	SWITZERLAND.....	79	713	504	713
OTHER.....	7		7	303	SWEDEN.....	84	630	673	630
CANNED VEGETABLES				17	NORWAY.....	43	382	287	382
CORN..... (AUG)	9,493		43,071	36,119	FINLAND.....	38	314	364	314
CANADA.....	32		183	109,237	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	1,360	6,195	6,648	6,195
EC-TWELVE.....	3,316		13,303	574	JAPAN.....	1,258	4,535	4,914	4,535
GERMANY, FED. REP	1,941		6,456	33,705	AUSTRALIA.....	94	1,290	1,150	1,290
UNITED KINGDOM...	598		3,759	15,446	MID. EAST & N. AFR	2	50	80	50
FRANCE.....	492		1,555	9,101	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	6	275	160	275
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	1,006		3,371	5,015	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	9	99	126	99
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	4,688		24,769	7,908	OTHER.....		122	50	122
				63,400	POTATO, FLAKES. (OCT)	1,843	5,191	3,557	23,816
					CANADA.....	41	102	140	497
					EC-TWELVE.....	269	686	343	3,685

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	1987	1988	PREVIOUS	CURRENT			1987	1988	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	
POTATO, FLAKE (CONT)						EC-TWELVE.....	6,922	-	47,741	45,811	75,407
UNITED KINGDOM...	204	-	371	187	2,734	GERMANY, FED. REP	3,380	-	26,888	23,729	40,581
NETHERLANDS.....	36	-	185	109	509	FRANCE.....	962	-	6,289	4,667	10,094
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	51	-	123	18	624	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	620	-	6,830	7,726	11,710
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	1,430	-	3,851	3,035	17,886	JAPAN.....	2,122	-	8,365	10,706	18,933
JAPAN.....	1,154	-	3,241	2,576	15,684	MID. EAST & N. AFR	551	-	6,174	7,238	14,256
MID. EAST & N. AFR	14	-	14	-	165	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	154	-	2,892	1,882	5,117
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	37	-	303	22	702	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	16	-	694	268	1,097
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	2	-	21	OTHER.....	249	-	4,692	8,260	12,622
OTHER.....	-	-	109	-	236						
POTATO, DRD/DEH (OCT)	253	-	1,042	958	5,147	PECANS, SHLD... (OCT)	71	-	323	357	1,452
CANADA.....	129	-	702	802	3,712	CANADA.....	19	-	115	151	534
EC-TWELVE.....	-	-	-	10	99	EC-TWELVE.....	20	-	155	88	421
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	-	-	31	18	155	NETHERLANDS.....	11	-	85	37	168
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	78	-	177	84	948	UNITED KINGDOM...	8	-	43	24	131
JAPAN.....	44	-	90	50	779	GERMANY, FED. REP	1	-	10	1	80
MID. EAST & N. AFR	31	-	62	10	80	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	19	-	19	14	95
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	15	-	57	29	79	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	4	-	18	85	155
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	5	1	30	JAPAN.....	-	-	-	31	100
OTHER.....	-	-	7	2	45	AUSTRALIA.....	3	-	13	40	35
						MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	-	1	-	4
TREE NUTS						LAT. AMER., EX CARR	8	-	13	18	242
ALMONDS, UNSHLD (JUL)	706	-	3,389	7,466	6,091	MEXICO.....	8	-	13	18	230
CANADA.....	30	-	308	263	589	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	0	2	1
EC-TWELVE.....	182	-	817	2,500	1,176	WALNUTS, SHLD.. (AUG)	696	-	4,508	4,675	8,265
FRANCE.....	60	-	204	580	271	CANADA.....	93	-	618	574	1,223
GERMANY, FED. REP	-	-	39	458	219	EC-TWELVE.....	269	-	2,097	2,051	3,212
NETHERLANDS.....	-	-	134	1,175	155	GERMANY, FED. REP	108	-	942	680	1,248
ITALY.....	-	-	148	100	148	SPAIN.....	28	-	361	289	702
GREECE.....	31	-	111	-	130	NETHERLANDS.....	28	-	322	204	445
UNITED KINGDOM...	16	-	77	108	129	GREECE.....	96	-	299	519	441
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	20	-	41	61	41	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	20	-	336	387	431
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	86	-	269	1,121	911	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	126	-	945	1,286	2,447
JAPAN.....	70	-	220	481	776	AUSTRALIA.....	25	-	379	390	874
MID. EAST & N. AFR	129	-	623	358	1,119	JAPAN.....	37	-	263	590	787
ISRAEL.....	57	-	282	39	399	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	62	-	218	267	635
UNITED ARAB EMIRA	10	-	35	30	207	MID. EAST & N. AFR	96	-	381	235	772
JORDAN.....	40	-	90	192	180	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	87	-	124	100	140
SAUDI ARABIA.....	10	-	101	63	173	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	4	-	6	22	12
KUWAIT.....	13	-	115	33	148	OTHER.....	-	-	0	21	28
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	58	-	278	132	364	PISTACHIO, SHLD (SEP)	145	-	240	245	716
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	10	-	26	11	28	CANADA.....	5	-	11	11	23
OTHER.....	190	-	1,027	3,020	1,864	EC-TWELVE.....	2	-	2	40	95
INDIA.....	190	-	1,027	3,020	1,864	FRANCE.....	-	-	-	-	56
						UNITED KINGDOM...	2	-	2	-	31
PECANS, UNSHLD (OCT)	37	-	336	429	1,273	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	52	-	83	149	337
CANADA.....	7	-	125	20	143	JAPAN.....	13	-	34	33	172
EC-TWELVE.....	-	-	103	324	552	CHINA (TAIWAN)...	29	-	34	93	103
UNITED KINGDOM...	-	-	42	59	204	HONG KONG.....	11	-	15	10	48
SPAIN.....	-	-	20	192	137	MID. EAST & N. AFR	84	-	84	-	180
NETHERLANDS.....	-	-	-	1	95	ISRAEL.....	84	-	84	-	180
ITALY.....	-	-	21	12	79	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	0	-	59	43	76
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	2	-	43	7	50	MEXICO.....	0	-	56	38	72
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	18	-	35	6	44	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	-	-	2
MID. EAST & N. AFR	5	-	15	-	15	OTHER.....	1	-	1	3	2
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	6	-	13	72	466						
MEXICO.....	6	-	11	72	463	ALMONDS, PREP.. (JUL)	2,682	-	18,588	18,482	33,066
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	2	-	2	CANADA.....	77	-	742	519	1,055
OTHER.....	-	-	-	-	1	EC-TWELVE.....	1,633	-	11,920	12,102	20,711
WALNUTS, UNSHLD (AUG)	3,389	-	47,742	41,145	51,548	GERMANY, FED. REP	732	-	6,057	6,518	10,092
CANADA.....	383	-	1,494	1,105	1,924	FRANCE.....	349	-	2,280	2,045	4,019
EC-TWELVE.....	2,343	-	41,067	36,638	41,483	UNITED KINGDOM...	160	-	1,268	1,507	3,103
SPAIN.....	91	-	13,724	12,148	13,870	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	234	-	1,466	817	2,499
GERMANY, FED. REP	300	-	10,166	13,455	10,272	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	642	-	3,358	4,117	7,127
NETHERLANDS.....	1,689	-	9,280	2,425	9,317	JAPAN.....	492	-	2,512	3,314	5,332
ITALY.....	19	-	5,325	5,479	5,362	MID. EAST & N. AFR	77	-	940	478	1,327
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	10	-	1,073	1,529	1,122	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	17	-	101	362	154
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	240	-	2,141	799	2,793	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	17	11	35
MID. EAST & N. AFR	25	-	167	147	323	OTHER.....	1	-	43	76	158
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	389	-	1,757	908	3,845	HOPS					
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	43	20	48	HOPS..... (SEP)	146	-	1,322	1,640	3,039
OTHER.....	-	-	-	-	9	CANADA.....	14	-	23	1,027	245
PISTACH, UNSHLD (SEP)	246	-	789	563	1,840	EC-TWELVE.....	0	-	78	60	78
CANADA.....	1	-	1	37	34	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	27	-	74	2	268
EC-TWELVE.....	16	-	211	55	396	MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	-	-	-	38
UNITED KINGDOM...	-	-	194	31	261	LAT. AMER., EX CARR	95	-	1,128	534	2,276
FRANCE.....	-	-	-	1	60	BRAZIL.....	54	-	1,087	315	2,107
GERMANY, FED. REP	1	-	1	-	54	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	7	-	17	6	100
OTHER WEST EUROPE..	-	-	22	11	61	OTHER.....	2	-	2	12	34
EAST ASIA & PACIF..	227	-	508	413	1,256	HOPS EXTRACT.. (SEP)	477	-	1,074	914	2,699
CHINA (MAINLAND)...	36	-	184	-	461	CANADA.....	5	-	13	27	89
HONG KONG.....	83	-	141	90	299	EC-TWELVE.....	32	-	112	128	364
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	43	-	61	134	237	NETHERLANDS.....	16	-	46	19	170
JAPAN.....	50	-	85	170	206	GERMANY, FED. REP	4	-	27	80	67
MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	-	19	11	53	UNITED KINGDOM...	12	-	20	1	58
LAT. AMER., EX CARR	0	-	1	14	13	IRELAND.....	-	-	20	25	55
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	1	-	1	4	1	OTHER WEST EUROPE..	-	-	0	-	3
OTHER.....	-	-	25	20	26	EAST ASIA & PACIF..	9	-	33	29	279
ALMONDS, SHLD.. (JUL)	10,839	-	73,043	75,921	127,613	PHILIPPINES.....	9	-	20	15	161
CANADA.....	205	-	1,799	1,237	2,688	JAPAN.....	-	-	-	-	42

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HOPS EXTRACT (CONT)									
MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	-	1	34	MID. EAST & N. AFR	0	0	-	3
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	384	834	699	1,641	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	4	86	1	180
MEXICO.....	174	519	382	771	MEXICO.....	-	68	-	107
COLOMBIA.....	134	134	201	425	VENEZUELA.....	1	14	-	47
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	2	12	5	70	BERMUDA & CARIBB..	1	1	-	5
OTHER.....	45	70	26	220	OTHER.....	18	21	5	52
WINE (1000 GALLONS)					PEPPERMINT OIL (NOV)	162	295	135	1,204
GRAPE WINES... (JAN)	904	11,080	14,618	11,080	CANADA.....	4	8	8	56
CANADA.....	256	3,275	3,763	3,275	EC-TWELVE.....	63	128	60	589
EC-TWELVE.....	174	2,995	4,541	2,995	UNITED KINGDOM...	32	57	16	260
UNITED KINGDOM...	72	1,857	2,964	1,857	FRANCE.....	10	27	24	108
BELGIUM LUXEMBOUR	28	355	378	355	GERMANY, FED. REP	8	21	14	91
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	26	674	1,101	674	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	1	9	4	24
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	326	2,955	3,989	2,955	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	75	126	51	370
JAPAN.....	169	1,879	3,048	1,879	JAPAN.....	38	73	34	195
CHINA (TAIWAN)...	41	539	155	539	KOREA, REPUBLIC O	6	15	1	77
MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	11	3	11	HONG KONG.....	25	30	7	50
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	26	294	254	294	MID. EAST & N. AFR	0	0	2	8
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	95	841	921	841	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	16	21	8	127
OTHER.....	-	37	46	37	MEXICO.....	15	15	7	65
					COLOMBIA.....	-	1	-	16
					BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	-	1
					OTHER.....	2	3	4	29
ESSENTIAL OILS									
LEMON OIL.... (NOV)	23	50	17	325	SPEARMINT OIL (NOV)	56	87	32	454
CANADA.....	-	1	-	30	CANADA.....	1	2	4	37
EC-TWELVE.....	5	17	5	104	EC-TWELVE.....	34	45	17	239
UNITED KINGDOM...	3	10	-	47	UNITED KINGDOM...	15	22	5	90
NETHERLANDS.....	1	1	-	33	FRANCE.....	12	12	5	54
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	8	9	0	29	ITALY.....	-	-	2	34
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	10	22	11	147	OTHER WEST EUROPE.	0	0	1	7
JAPAN.....	10	21	9	121	EAST ASIA & PACIF.	14	25	6	91
MID. EAST & N. AFR	-	-	0	5	JAPAN.....	9	19	2	55
LAT. AMER./EX CARR	0	1	1	9	HONG KONG.....	4	0	2	14
BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	-	0	MID. EAST & N. AFR	0	-	3	68
OTHER.....	-	-	-	1	LAT. AMER./EX CARR	7	16	42	4
					MEXICO.....	5	8	2	15
					VENEZUELA.....	-	0	-	8
					BRAZIL.....	1	6	0	1
					BERMUDA & CARIBB..	-	-	-	1
					OTHER.....	0	0	1	11
ORANGE OIL.... (NOV)	99	327	111	1,701					
CANADA.....	16	30	1	79					
EC-TWELVE.....	18	51	51	387					
NETHERLANDS.....	5	9	14	98					
GERMANY, FED. REP	2	28	36	80					
UNITED KINGDOM...	2	2	-	52					
FRANCE.....	3	3	-	49					
SPAIN.....	-	-	-	48					
IRELAND.....	5	6	1	41					
OTHER WEST EUROPE.	-	1	21	96					
EAST ASIA & PACIF.	42	138	31	898					
JAPAN.....	37	77	27	723					

SS: SINGLE STRENGTH FC: FROZEN CONCENTRATE -- ORANGE IN 42 DEGREE BRIX, GRAPEFRUIT IN 40 DEGREE BRIX
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(BEG. MKTG. YR.)	1987 : 1988	PREVIOUS: CURRENT	SEASON :	(BEG. MKTG. YR.)	1987 : 1988	PREVIOUS: CURRENT	SEASON :
FRESH FRUIT & MELONS				HONDURAS.....	2,005	1,900	31,023
APPLES..... (JUL)	4,144	4,397	34,123	DOMINICAN REPUB	1,337	950	11,227
CANADA.....	4,144	4,391	22,323	KIWI FRUIT... (OCT)	33	7	157
CHILE.....	-	-	316	NEW ZEALAND....	-	7	124
NEW ZEALAND....	-	-	5,583	CANNED FRUIT			
ARGENTINA.....	-	-	5,262	APRICOTS.... (JUN)	285	394	2,451
BANANAS..... (JAN)	215,808	223,054	2,940,544	ISRAEL.....	229	-	1,297
ECUADOR.....	51,098	65,021	719,975	SPAIN.....	39	270	782
HONDURAS.....	46,498	40,711	586,272	MANDARINS... (JAN)	2,750	3,117	49,621
COSTA RICA.....	35,790	47,730	551,167	SPAIN.....	1,087	1,926	27,523
COLOMBIA.....	44,836	44,509	492,308	KOREA, REPUBLIC	556	188	9,129
RASPBERRIES... (JAN)	138	178	11,862	CHINA (MAINLAND)	325	820	5,745
CANADA.....	-	-	11,330	JAPAN.....	782	101	5,634
STRAWBERRIES (JAN)	1,226	1,682	15,045	OLIVES, TOTAL (NOV)	6,164	5,936	13,055
MEXICO.....	793	912	13,508	SPAIN.....	5,408	5,272	11,938
GRAPEFRUIT... (SEP)	1,129	427	1,750	-BRN/N GR/PR (NOV)	234	100	461
BAHAMAS.....	1,095	427	1,716	SPAIN.....	52	23	177
LEMONS..... (AUG)	153	155	2,540	GREECE.....	151	75	245
SPAIN.....	151	-	752	-BRN/GR/N RP (NOV)	577	754	1,058
CHILE.....	-	-	1,404	SPAIN.....	255	361	647
BAHAMAS.....	-	155	382	MEXICO.....	175	314	175
LIMES..... (APR)	2,921	3,151	24,397	-BRN/PR/N GR (NOV)	81	50	88
MEXICO.....	2,679	2,989	23,573	GREECE.....	68	23	73
TANG./MANDAR (NOV)	5,864	6,119	11,629	-BRN/RP/GRN (NOV)	415	516	877
MEXICO.....	5,624	4,853	10,208	SPAIN.....	394	511	799
ORANGES..... (NOV)	3,667	709	7,906	-PITTED/STUF (NOV)	4,722	4,347	10,368
MEXICO.....	615	122	1,240	SPAIN.....	4,619	4,247	10,174
SPAIN.....	3,004	453	6,543	-PRP/PRS NEC (NOV)	134	170	202
DOMINICAN REPUB	43	78	112	GREECE.....	45	36	45
JAMAICA.....	-	57	189	SPAIN.....	82	104	136
GRAPES..... (JUN)	8,862	7,878	44,167	MOROCCO.....	-	-	-
CHILE.....	8,862	7,875	8,374	PEACHES, ALL (JUN)	2,712	8,451	10,859
MEXICO.....	220	-	30,658	GREECE.....	1,976	6,649	4,791
MANGOES..... (JAN)	3	64	51,996	CHILE.....	50	340	1,474
MEXICO.....	-	-	42,614	SPAIN.....	448	888	1,631
HAITI.....	-	63	8,780	AUSTRALIA.....	192	-	2,209
CANTALOUPE... (MAY)	14,796	14,354	62,419	PEARS..... (JUN)	19	103	414
MEXICO.....	3,870	5,050	52,798	SPAIN.....	19	-	190
HONDURAS.....	3,630	2,552	4,395	CHILE.....	-	-	113
MELONS, OTHER (MAY)	9,979	5,366	25,935	NEW ZEALAND...	-	-	61
MEXICO.....	6,381	3,381	17,842	PINEAPPLES... (JAN)	12,181	22,954	239,858
PANAMA.....	442	-	1,205	THAILAND.....	5,222	11,091	103,118
GUATEMALA.....	1,020	923	3,768	PHILIPPINES...	4,087	9,569	100,913
WATERMELONS... (APR)	3,405	2,724	98,376	MX/N TROPIC (JUN)	1,144	1,578	8,110
MEXICO.....	3,239	2,461	79,378	MEXICO.....	967	1,075	6,976
PEARS..... (JUL)	300	218	4,758				
CHILE.....	-	-	-				
ARGENTINA.....	-	-	107				
JAPAN.....	92	25	3,906				
PINEAPPLES... (JAN)	6,906	5,772	80,947				
COSTA RICA....	3,465	2,805	34,922				

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DRIED FRUIT						ASPARAGUS... (OCT)	469	701	2,453	2,409	14,721
APRICOTS... (JUL)	607	980	2,159	4,427	3,756	MEXICO.....	63	121	573	309	12,408
TURKEY.....	606	798	1,881	3,141	3,008	CHILE.....	196	192	1,317	1,409	1,485
DATES, W/ PITS (SEP)	285	23	344	113	663	CANNED VEGETABLES					
IRAN.....	251	-	251	-	251	PIMIENTOS... (AUG)	942	909	3,459	3,252	8,314
CHINA (MAINLAND)	20	6	33	12	166	SPAIN.....	937	878	3,421	3,054	8,122
HONG KONG.....	1	12	2	24	111	TOMATO PASTE (JUL)	3,435	5,515	18,228	21,414	45,646
DATES, PITTED (SEP)	439	1,073	877	1,904	4,480	MEXICO.....	342	-	4,135	3,357	19,883
PAKISTAN.....	210	543	219	1,001	1,967	PORTUGAL.....	758	1,654	3,332	2,937	4,640
CHINA (MAINLAND)	7	183	24	480	1,264	TOMATO SAUCE (JUL)	375	404	3,773	2,216	6,437
IRAN.....	197	-	440	-	724	ITALY.....	57	226	1,078	621	2,372
DRIED FIGS... (SEP)	327	127	2,482	2,969	2,567	ISRAEL.....	193	60	1,324	599	2,258
GREECE.....	272	85	1,921	2,114	1,940	TOMATOES... (JUL)	9,950	12,685	43,224	44,225	78,619
TURKEY.....	5	12	350	356	393	ITALY.....	5,792	8,443	22,767	27,989	41,566
RAISINS/SULT (AUG)	837	1,156	5,590	6,084	8,053	SPAIN.....	2,333	3,328	12,738	11,732	20,346
MEXICO.....	828	575	5,311	3,603	7,251	ISRAEL.....	1,577	296	5,200	1,475	8,020
FIG PASTE... (SEP)	705	132	1,934	324	4,406	ARTICHOKES.. (JAN)	534	417	18,918	16,044	18,918
SPAIN.....	633	96	1,172	232	2,891	SPAIN.....	527	286	18,677	15,571	18,677
TURKEY.....	72	36	762	91	1,461	ASPARAGUS... (APR)	245	202	2,482	1,969	3,008
FRUIT JUICE 1/ (FOR UNITS OF MEASURE SEE BELOW)						MEXICO.....	-	-	1,505	304	1,512
APPLE/PEAR... (JUL)	2,254	4,135	14,588	18,002	24,536	CHINA (TAIWAN)	144	31	475	448	600
ARGENTINA.....	320	1,010	5,738	5,557	7,833	MUSHROOMS... (JUL)	2,896	1,679	26,326	17,306	61,513
GERMANY, FED. R	294	1,016	1,943	4,221	3,808	CHINA (MAINLAND)	737	583	10,995	8,845	26,076
HUNGARY.....	546	618	959	822	2,597	CHINA (TAIWAN)	1,382	200	8,799	2,624	17,765
AUSTRIA.....	246	429	1,610	1,724	2,301	HONG KONG.....	105	169	4,013	2,172	9,359
SPAIN.....	153	355	769	1,009	1,777	FROZEN VEGETABLES					
CHILE.....	147	39	1,127	1,167	1,546	PEAS..... (SEP)	782	2,456	2,466	10,450	9,155
FCOJ..... (DEC)	31,491	29,648	31,491	29,648	292,772	CANADA.....	537	254	1,715	1,897	4,419
BRAZIL.....	29,618	28,453	29,618	28,453	252,059	CHINA (TAIWAN)	139	33	601	273	2,641
MEXICO.....	1,594	1,008	1,594	1,008	34,919	BROCCOLI... (SEP)	6,301	6,580	24,407	22,548	82,669
GRAPE, CONC. (JAN)	1,505	3,863	20,078	42,518	20,078	MEXICO.....	4,513	5,147	18,021	17,910	69,547
ARGENTINA.....	372	2,982	9,874	28,448	9,874	GUATEMALA.....	1,579	1,177	5,969	4,097	11,917
BRAZIL.....	481	762	6,313	10,224	6,313	CAULIFLOWER (SEP)	6,628	3,052	15,365	10,773	27,391
CANADA.....	484	14	3,037	2,305	3,037	MEXICO.....	6,562	3,037	14,774	10,227	26,291
PINEAP. N CO (JAN)	1,986	1,252	26,752	29,741	26,752	OKRA 3/... (JUL)	600	114	4,813	2,400	7,469
PHILIPPINES....	1,918	1,141	26,048	25,225	26,048	GUATEMALA.....	551	87	1,562	832	3,126
PINEAP. CONC (JAN)	3,304	3,331	47,092	49,668	47,092	EL SALVADOR....	49	18	2,177	256	2,572
PHILIPPINES....	1,271	1,688	20,814	22,913	20,814	DOMINICAN REPUB	-	-	1,043	1,039	1,713
THAILAND.....	750	1,473	16,699	20,933	16,699	POTATOES... (SEP)	3,089	2,032	18,131	15,731	48,625
FROZEN FRUIT						CANADA.....	3,071	2,011	17,799	15,651	48,134
BLUEBERRIES.. (JAN)	484	217	7,345	5,089	7,345	DRIED/DEHDR. VEG.					
CANADA.....	484	217	6,841	4,939	6,841	MUSHROOMS... (JAN)	87	71	1,024	1,179	1,024
RASPBERRIES (JAN)	214	30	2,838	1,259	2,838	JAPAN.....	25	21	305	382	305
YUGOSLAVIA....	194	30	1,142	535	1,142	KOREA, REPUBLIC	21	17	250	161	250
NEW ZEALAND....	0	-	927	106	927	CHINA (TAIWAN)	1	6	138	175	138
CHILE.....	19	1	357	447	357	CHILE.....	16	-	113	56	113
STRAWBERRIES (DEC)	676	693	676	693	29,286	TREE NUTS					
MEXICO.....	407	482	407	482	24,755	COCONUT MEAT (JAN)	3,303	4,078	51,803	43,980	51,803
FRESH VEGETABLES						PHILIPPINES....	2,724	3,425	42,345	38,894	42,345
BEANS 2/... (OCT)	1,194	1,436	1,476	2,234	13,129	BRAZIL/UNSHL (AUG)	43	4	2,315	941	6,960
MEXICO.....	1,149	1,101	1,250	1,208	11,170	BRAZIL.....	43	4	2,039	925	6,522
CABBAGE..... (OCT)	889	877	5,757	4,583	15,085	PISTACH/UNSH (SEP)	219	30	504	134	1,444
CANADA.....	889	627	5,741	4,308	14,683	TURKEY.....	151	-	208	37	812
CARROTS 2/... (OCT)	9,368	4,041	27,467	21,754	58,947	HONG KONG.....	49	-	185	-	325
CANADA.....	7,843	3,029	23,806	19,350	46,207	CHINA (MAINLAND)	-	26	-	91	176
MEXICO.....	1,423	748	3,124	1,652	10,312	BRAZILS, SHLD (AUG)	285	570	1,732	2,337	3,255
CAULIFLOWER (OCT)	715	711	1,435	1,041	7,034	BRAZIL.....	170	250	721	1,102	1,391
MEXICO.....	675	663	817	691	4,928	BOLIVIA.....	96	75	621	533	982
CANADA.....	-	-	531	228	1,621	PERU.....	17	59	278	304	459
CELERY..... (OCT)	467	236	2,111	1,482	15,373	CASHEW KRNLS (AUG)	3,771	3,079	18,609	19,442	38,042
MEXICO.....	99	176	288	176	7,399	BRAZIL.....	2,340	1,780	5,934	8,298	17,332
CANADA.....	-	-	973	1,082	5,972	INDIA.....	1,344	736	10,939	7,120	15,547
GUATEMALA.....	355	47	833	211	1,964	FILBERT, SHLD (AUG)	156	644	513	1,679	1,791
CUCUMBERS... (OCT)	41,576	25,591	65,755	46,275	213,903	TURKEY.....	151	604	385	1,421	1,446
MEXICO.....	41,321	25,448	65,263	45,727	204,019	ITALY.....	-	23	72	43	227
EGGPLANT... (OCT)	3,284	1,469	4,416	2,902	18,332	GRAPE WINE					
MEXICO.....	3,223	1,467	4,275	2,893	18,022	(1,000 LITERS)					
GARLIC..... (OCT)	95	2	647	165	17,580	CHAMPAGNE... (JAN)	4,648	4,376	52,506	49,299	52,506
MEXICO.....	4	1	159	4	12,338	ITALY.....	1,636	1,764	20,887	18,298	20,887
ARGENTINA.....	-	1	-	1	3,301	FRANCE.....	1,224	1,312	15,719	14,753	15,719
LETTUCE..... (OCT)	2,449	2,042	2,759	2,154	17,585	SPAIN.....	1,611	1,660	13,538	14,283	13,538
MEXICO.....	2,397	2,014	2,485	2,042	15,737	TABLE WINE... (JAN)	18,385	17,405	248,109	226,026	248,109
OKRA 2/... (OCT)	535	550	2,241	1,649	20,626	ITALY.....	7,349	7,650	114,336	98,850	114,336
MEXICO.....	388	440	1,980	1,209	17,243	FRANCE.....	5,929	5,410	69,984	67,526	69,984
ONIONS, NEC (OCT)	13,078	10,512	27,175	21,847	189,508	GERMANY, FED. R	1,661	1,309	26,584	22,371	26,584
MEXICO.....	10,934	9,368	20,316	18,116	162,838	FT WINE&VERM (JAN)	1,818	1,085	18,450	16,459	18,450
PEPPERS..... (OCT)	10,304	8,486	18,849	15,304	128,828	ITALY.....	743	626	9,276	8,592	9,276
MEXICO.....	9,511	8,092	15,760	13,414	117,968	SPAIN.....	722	201	6,058	5,098	6,058
POTATO, SEED (OCT)	1,300	1,461	1,851	3,439	41,517	CUT FLOWERS					
CANADA.....	1,300	1,461	1,851	3,424	41,489	(1,000 UNITS)					
POTATO, TABLE (OCT)	13,578	12,062	44,761	45,485	175,451	ROSES..... (JAN)	18,427	19,860	266,921	313,896	266,921
CANADA.....	18,570	12,045	44,700	45,453	175,095	COLUMBIA.....	15,196	15,480	206,990	240,693	206,990
SQUASH..... (OCT)	9,036	8,788	13,671	15,946	61,833	CARNATIONS.. (JAN)	-	-	345,404	-	345,404
MEXICO.....	7,725	8,465	13,017	15,323	59,300	COLUMBIA.....	-	-	330,511	-	330,511
TOMATOES... (OCT)	15,385	6,513	48,322	43,234	376,087						
MEXICO.....	15,629	6,244	48,049	42,513	368,268						

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